

How WV's Abandoned Property Can Address Statewide Housing Needs

Strategies for land reuse and housing partnerships



The WV Land Stewardship Corporation: WV's State Land Bank



- What can a state land bank do?

Abandoned Property as a Resource

- Many properties end up in purgatory each year.
- Over 10,000 properties are currently on the “no-bid” list.
- Some are unusable, but many are buildable lots.



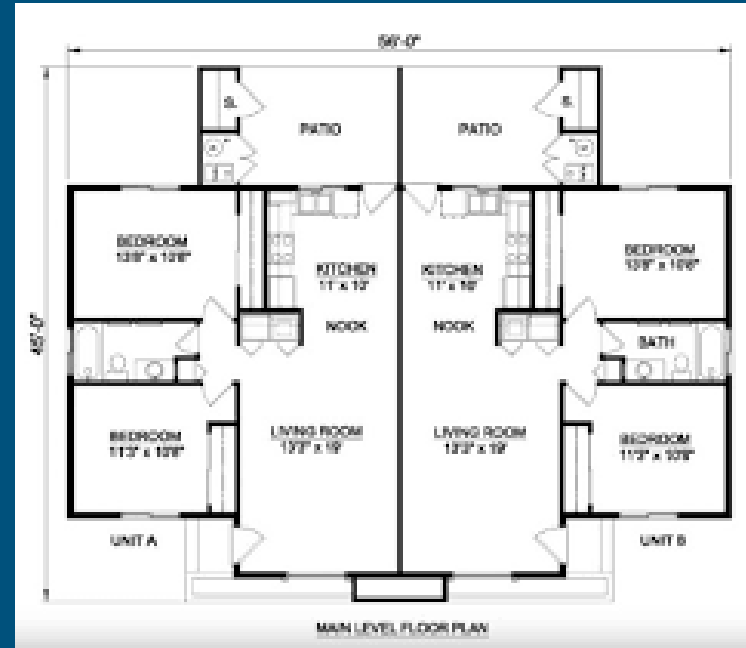
Utilizing “No -bid” Property

- Partnership with WV State Auditor
- How does the “no-bid” list work?
 - Types of properties
 - Location
 - Ownership transfer



From “No -Bid” to a Housing Solution

- Partner with housing organizations and State Auditor’s Office to:
 - Take ownership of no-bid properties
 - Clear title
 - Transfer to housing partners at below market value



What's Happening Now

- Program planning phase:
 - Developing partnerships with Housing Organizations
 - Collaborating on program development with Housing Partners and State Auditor



Critical Questions

- How might this program help you put more affordable, recovery, and/or workforce housing units on the ground?
- What are some challenges to this idea that we may not have thought of?
- What should we focus on first in planning to operate this program?

Next Steps
