

Stark County Land Bank Recently Awarded \$1,001,321 in Grant Funding for Demolition

In late October Governor DeWine's Office announced 825 demolition projects across 30 counties that were approved for funding under a new program called the Building Demolition & Site Revitalization Program (BDSR). The program is administered by the Ohio Department of Development and was created to provide funding for demolition of commercial and residential buildings and the revitalization of surrounding properties. Within Substitute House Bill 110 approximately \$150 million has been allocated for demolition and revitalization projects for the BDSR program. The 825 projects announced were approved for just over \$37.2 million of the available funding.

Additional demolition awards across 42 other counties were also released in early December; 2,277 demolition projects were approved for over \$54.4 million of the available funding. Further details on demolition projects in additional counties will be released by the Governor's office in the coming weeks.

The Stark County Land Bank (administered by the Stark County Regional Planning Commission) was among the 30 counties/land banks listed within the October announcement. With the recent allocation of funding, the Land Bank has been awarded a total of \$1,001,321 for the demolition of five commercial projects.

Projects to be undertaken by the Land Bank utilizing the BDSR funding include:

- 12777 Mogadore Ave. – Former Greenhouse – Lake Township
- 129 and 125 Lincoln Way W. – Massillon
- 1447 N. Main St. – Former Kmart – North Canton
- 530 N. Lincoln Ave. – Former Elementary School – Alliance
- 612 S. Liberty Ave. & 717 E. Cambridge – Alliance



Picture taken at the former greenhouse site during demolition in mid-November

Prior to this new program & funding allocation, the Land Bank has previously received residential demolition grants from the Ohio Attorney General's Office from 2012 - 2014 (Moving Ohio Forward Program) and from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency from 2014 – 2021 (Neighborhood Initiative Program).