

## **LACKAWANNA COUNTY LAND BANK**

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PRESENTATION**

The Lackawanna County Land Bank will host a community outreach presentation on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the community room at the Goodwill at North Gerald T. Langan Apartments, 1539 North Main Avenue, Scranton PA, 18508.

The presentation will outline the Lackawanna County Land Bank's history, mission and discuss blight in your neighborhood. The presentation, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by an opportunity for attendees to ask questions.

Land banking is a tool, enabled by state legislation, to help communities combat the problems associated with neighborhood blight, especially as it pertains to abandoned and vacant properties. These properties, which often end up tax-delinquent, create fire and safety hazards, pull down neighborhood property values, and drain local tax dollars. Land banks acquire tax delinquent and abandoned properties and convert these liabilities into community assets.

The primary mission of the Lackawanna County Land Bank is to acquire tax delinquent and abandoned properties and sell them to responsible and capable owners through a negotiated sale process. This eliminates a community liability and transfers these otherwise undesirable properties to new, responsible owners in a transparent and equitable fashion. In addition, the land bank side lot disposition program should be very effective in the conveyance of vacant parcels to responsible neighbors.

For more information about the Lackawanna County Land Bank and the upcoming program, please call Ralph Pappas at 570-963-6830 extension 1358 or [pappasr@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:pappasr@lackawannacounty.org)