

Community Impact

The Butler County Blight Mitigation Initiative will have significant impact upon the community by changing communities on a long-term basis by:

- Promoting community stability and neighborhood investment
- Eliminating at-risk properties
- Promoting affordable homeownership opportunities

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What is Blight?

Any vacant/abandoned structure with the following characteristics:

- Unfit for habitation
- A public nuisance
- Structurally unsound with imminent danger of collapse
- No utility service(s)
- Presence of vermin
- Home for vagrants



Program Defined

The Butler County Blight Mitigation Initiative (BCBMI) is a comprehensive multi-pronged approach consisting of:

- Prevention
- Education
- Enforcement
- Acquisition
- Housing and Rental Rehabilitation
- Demolition

Targeting blighted and abandoned properties in the targeted impact areas of:

- Connoquenessing Township
- Lancaster Township
- Forward Township
- Jackson Township

Program Goals

- Create stronger and more secure quality of life thus creating attractive places to live by eliminating dangerous sub-standard housing
- Reduce crime including drug blight
- Promote housing stability and an increased tax base
- Provide communities with the ability to improve their oldest housing units and ensure retention of homeowners and renters
- Support housing maintenance through community education
- Reduce neighborhood density through the elimination of non-productive structures, increase property values and marketability and provide increased local revenue and property taxes and promote community stability

Liability to Viability

Success Strategies

Locate blighted properties throughout Connoquenessing, Lancaster, Forward and Jackson Townships

Rank properties using a fair and comparable numerical scale including the following categories:

- Site conditions such as uncut vegetation, vermin and lack of utility service(s)
- Building conditions such as the structural soundness, imminent danger of collapse, previous fire or criminal activity, public nuisance and unfit for habitation
- Location

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