

LET'S TALK

Land Bank

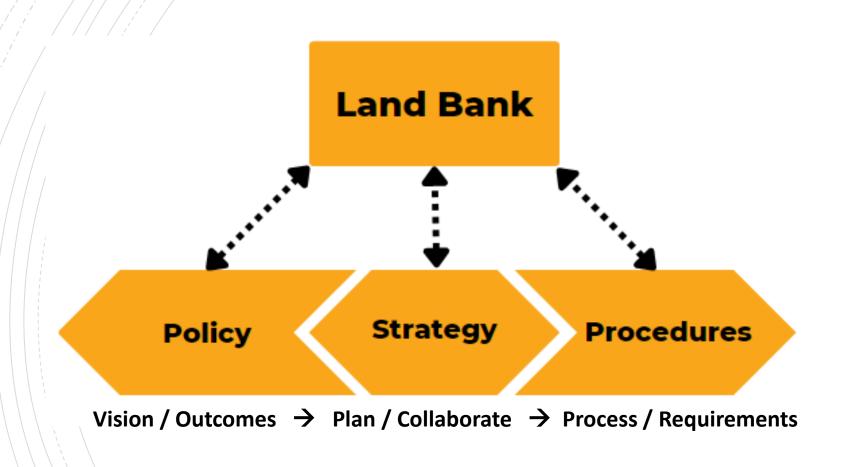
Thursday February 23rd

- Policy, Strategy, Procedures
- Options
- Buildable vs. Unbuildable
- Yard Extensions



LAND BANK UPDATE

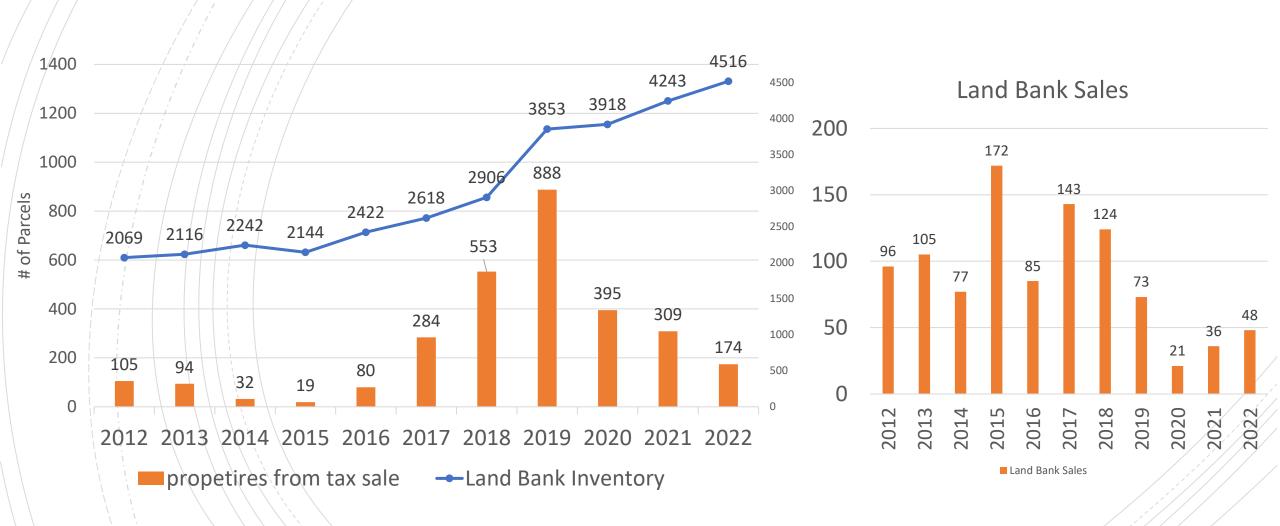






NUMBER OF PARCELS TRANSFERRED INTO THE LAND BANK BY TAX SALES







Options

- Program Summary
- Current Policy
- Current Process
- Community Input
- Policy Discussion





Homes Built

6

Completed Options

34

Approved Options

446

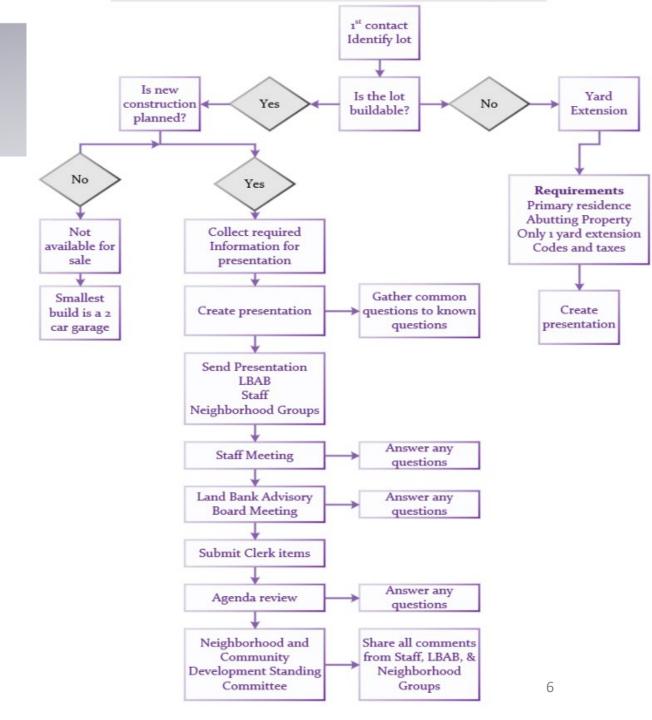
Canceled Options

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CURRENT OPTION POLICY

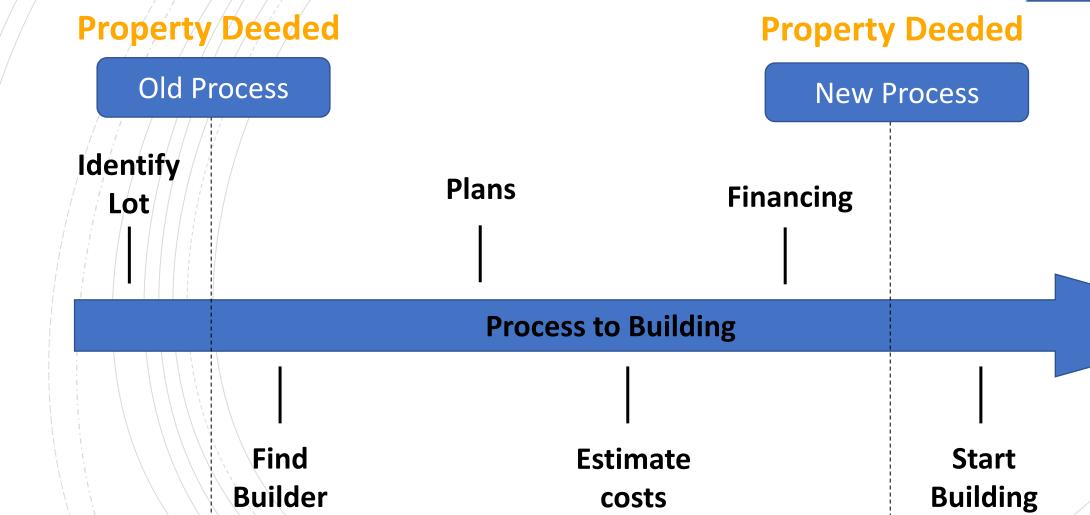
- If the lot is buildable, the applicant must build on the lot
- Escrow process





THE STEPS TO BUILDING





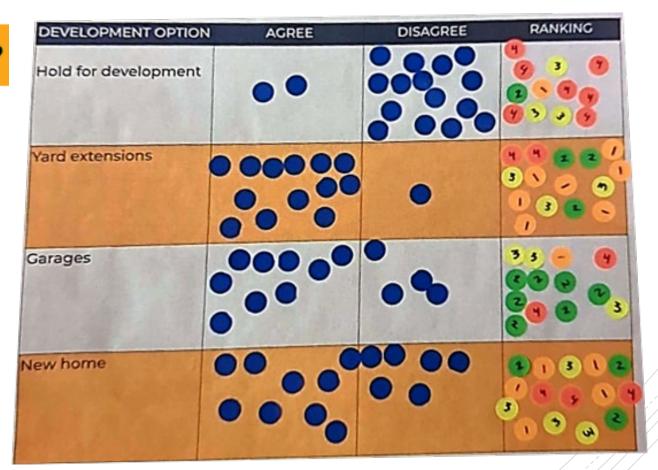


OPTION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INPUT



WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

- ✓ Fewer/no vacant lots
- ✓ Increased tax base
- Seamless, coordinated process from application to build
- ✓ Affordable, inclusive housing stock
- ✓ Revitalized neighborhoods
- ✓ Coordinated development plans
- ✓ Defined policy vision and strategy
- ✓ Thorough code review of applicants





OPTION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INPUT



WHAT SHOULD BE THE PURPOSE OF THE LAND BANK?

Affordable housing Build sustainable communities Small business Buy & build

Local ownership Community Development/Revitalization Increase tax base

Spaces for youth Gardens/urban farming (extensions) Commercial & residential

To get rid of itself Increase density Path to ownership Emergency facilities



OPTION POLICY DISCUSSION



- 1. Do we still like the option program?
- 2. Should we waive the Land Bank option fee?
 - a. \$100 option fee
- 3. Should we rethink escrow and how to enforce option agreements?
- 4. Should there be a deadline to sign option agreements?
- 5. Should we give discretion to Land Bank manager to renew options?
 - a. If so, do you want to define the criteria (Policy) of allow staff to determine (Procedure)?
- 6. Other?



Buildable vs. Unbuildable

- Current Policy
- Number of lots
- Community Input
- Policy Discussion



BUILDABLE LOTS CURRENT POLICY



What is a buildable lot?

- A lot where a home / building can be built
- Buildable lots can only be sold for new construction

Why we have the buildable policy?

- Policy change in 2019 to limit yard extensions
- Lots are an asset and not a liability

Complaints received for buildable lots

- 1. No one will ever build on that lot
- 2. Too small to build on
- 3. Why can't I have the lot If I have been maintaining it for years?
- 4. The city doesn't even maintain the lot



UNBUILDABLE LOTS DEFINED

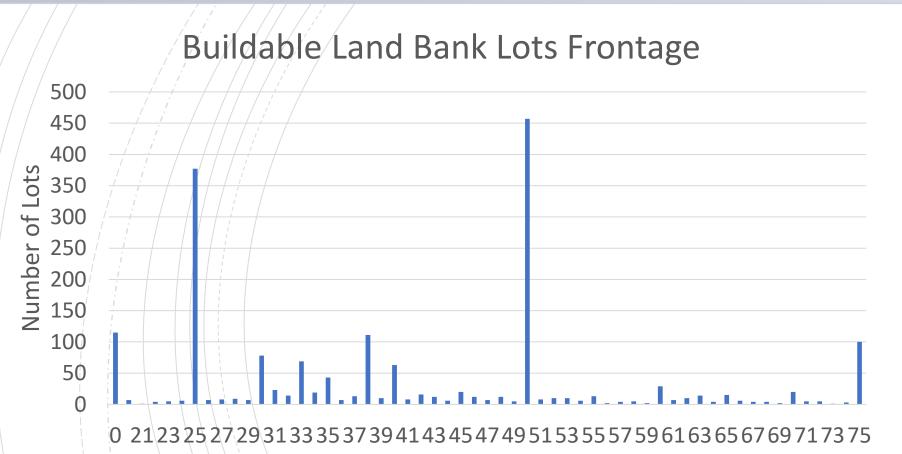


- Less than 2,000 sq. ft.
- Less than 20 linear ft. of frontage
- No access to sewer or less than 1 acre for a septic system
- Land locked
- In any of the following
 - Flood Plain
 - Right of Way (ROW)
 - Undermined
 - Severe topography



BUILDABLE LOTS FRONTAGE





Frontage in Feet

Buildable Land Bank Lots - Zoned Residential

Frontage in Feet	Count
0	115
20 - 24	23
25	377
26 - 30	109
31 - 40	372
41 - 50	555
51-60	89
61 - 70	86
71 - 80	71
81 - 90	35
91 - 100	72
100 - 697	206
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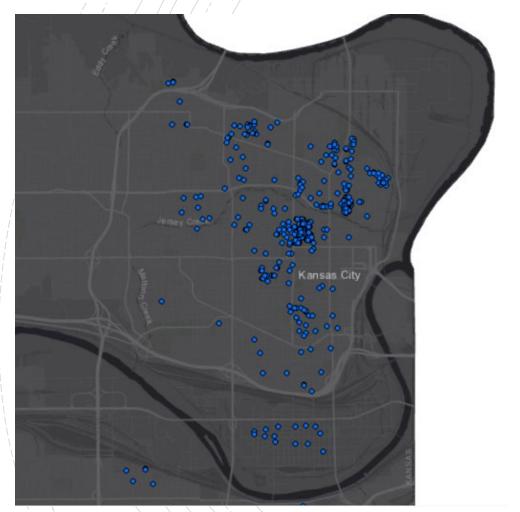
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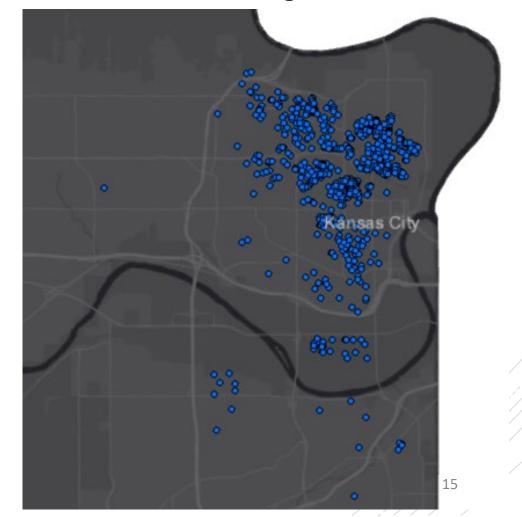
BUILDABLE LOTS FRONTAGE



25 Ft Frontage – 377 Lots



20Ft – 40FT Frontage – 811 Lots





BUILDABLE LOTS POLICY DISCUSSIONS



- 1. Buildable vs Unbuildable infers only something that is built is a viable use for Land Bank parcels?
 - a. Shall we instead think what is developable vs not developable?
- 2. What other factors make a lot unbuildable (Undevelopable)?
- 3. Should the UG hold Land Bank property tax free for future county projects?



Yard Extensions

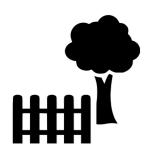
- Current Policy
- Lot Maintenance
- Number of Requests
- Policy Discussions



YARD EXTENSION CURRENT POLICY



Yard Extensions



Only for unbuildable and undevelopable lots

Yard Extension eligibility requirements

- 1.Unbuildable lot
- 2. You live in the house adjacent to the property;
- 3. The subject property must be a vacant lot;
- 4. Have not received a yard extension for the current home;
- 5. You are current on property tax; and,
- 6. No active code violations.

Pricing - The Land Bank will generally price vacant land by the greater of either:

- •The appraised value of property set by the County Appraiser as of January 1st of the current year
- •The value of the property's frontage times \$10



LAND BANK VACANT LOT MAINTENANCE



Annual Cost to Mow 1 Lot

\$535

- 5 mowing rounds
- 2 rounds broadleaf spraying program

Trees

- Only for dead trees
- Avg cost \$1,500



YARD EXTENSION NUMBER OF REQUESTS



20

Yard Extension Requests

Online Form

111

Since April 2022

Walk ins

240

2022

Phone

360

2022

Approved Yard Extensions

6

2022

Community Feedback

84% agree that Land Bank lots should be used for yard extensions.



YARD EXTENSION POLICY CHANGE OPTIONS



- 1. Should the Land Bank allow yard extensions?
 - a. If so, what are the requirements?
 - b. Do you want to explicitly name uses?
 - c. What should be left to the Land Bank Manager procedures?
- 2. What are the expectations for maintenance?



NEXT MEETING



Thursday March 23rd 3:30PM

Next meeting topics?

- Gardens
- Role of the Land Bank Advisory Committee / Neighborhood associations
- Community notifications
- Purpose of the Land Bank
- Speed up standing committee meetings
- Design