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County Land Bank Seeking Nominations for Two Board Seats

SAINT LOUIS COUNTY, MO (July 25, 2025) – At the inaugural meeting of the Saint Louis County Land Bank board on Thursday, a temporary presiding officer was elected and the board voted to solicit nominations for the final two members.

This was the first meeting of the board following the April 28, 2025, signing of a historic land bank ordinance by County Executive Sam Page. The ordinance was passed by the County Council two weeks earlier.

A land bank is an entity that acquires, manages and leads redevelopment of vacant, abandoned and tax-foreclosed properties to return them to productive use.

"The Land Bank allows Saint Louis County to strategically redevelop neglected properties into stronger, safer and more vibrant neighborhoods," said County Executive Page. "This has been years in the making and I'm glad to see the work formally begin. Thank you to the coalition who held countless meetings on the creation of a land bank and to the County Council for supporting this important development tool."

The ordinance requires the final two members to be selected by the existing five board members. These representatives are required to live in one of the 20 municipalities containing the highest percentage of tax-delinquent parcels, which includes: Jennings, Ferguson, University City, Florissant, Wellston, Berkeley, Pine Lawn, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Hazelwood, Overland, Pagedale, Hillsdale, Northwoods, Riverview, Kirkwood, St. Ann, Breckenridge Hills, St. John, Normandy and Dellwood.

The ordinance also requires all board members have "experience or education in real estate development, real estate law, real estate transactions, affordable housing, finance, banking, urban planning, community development, or related areas."

"We are tremendously proud to launch the Saint Louis County Land Bank, and are eager to administer an open, inclusive public process to fill out our board seats," said Saint Louis County Planning Director Jacob Trimble, who was elected to serve as presiding officer until a full board votes on a chair. "We invite any eligible person to apply to join us in creating positive impact in the County."

Those interested may submit an application with their resume and letter of interest through the <u>Saint Louis County Boards and Commissions application</u> portal. Submissions will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. August 3, 2025. Interested residents may call 314-615-7016 to request assistance in submitting materials.

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