

# CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN

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### **CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO RECEIVE \$5.3 MILLION OF \$6.9 TOTAL COUNTY ALLOCATION TO DEMOLISH VACANT & ABANDONED HOUSES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MAHONING COUNTY LAND BANK**

The City of Youngstown will receive more than \$5.3 million out of the nearly \$6.9 million awarded to the Mahoning County Land Bank from the Ohio Building Demolition & Site Revitalization Program. This award will specifically target 473 vacant and abandoned houses in the City of Youngstown out of 596 total properties in Mahoning County.

“We are thankful to the governor and his team for affording us the opportunity to further our development efforts in the City of Youngstown by eliminating blighted and abandoned properties in our community,” said Mayor Tito Brown.

The demolition of these properties will stabilize the housing market and catalyze investment to revitalize neighborhoods. Once demolished, the lots will transition to greenspaces with plans to potentially develop the properties in the future. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, blighted properties decrease surrounding property values, erode the health of local housing markets, pose safety hazards, and reduce local tax revenue.

Youngstown City Council previously passed legislation in December 2021 to allocate match dollars from American Rescue Plan Act funding for the demolition of vacant properties.

In addition to the Mahoning County Land Bank, the City of Youngstown also collaborated with the Economic Action Group, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation, and Youngstown State University GIS Manager John Bralich.

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