



### **What is the Quad Cities Land Bank Authority?**

The Quad Cities Land Bank Authority (QCLBA) is an intergovernmental agency formed in April 2022 by the City of Moline, City of Rock Island, and City of East Moline. The City of Silvis joined the organization in March 2024.

Land Banks work to combat community deterioration by returning property to productive use in order to support open space, housing, businesses, and employment for citizens.

The **mission** of the QCLBA is to strategically acquire vacant, abandoned, tax delinquent properties, address title liabilities, and facilitate the revitalization of those properties to a productive use consistent with local government plans and priorities.

### **How is the QCLBA funded?**

The QCLBA is currently funded by local government grants and State of Illinois grants specifically designated for land banks. Each member municipality contributed funds to establish the QCLBA.

Additional funding to start the QCLBA was secured through the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Land Bank Capacity Program. This program was created to help communities gain access to funding and technical assistance to develop land banks in Illinois.

Moving forward additional funds will come from real estate activities, private contributions, program services, and new municipal partner contributions.

### **How does the land bank work with member communities?**

The QCLBA operates in service to its member communities to identify properties deserving attention, and develop strategies to improve properties according to community plans and priorities.

Under its bylaws, the QCLBA can only accept a property or work on a property with approval from the board of directors.

### **Who is responsible for the governance and operations of the QCLBA?**

The QCLBA is governed by a board of directors that consists of representatives from member communities. Program bylaws allow for additional expert directors to be added. Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the program website.

### **How does the land bank acquire property?**

The QCLBA acquires properties in accordance with its adopted policies and procedures. The main source of properties are surplus properties, properties acquired via the Tax Trustee, and donations from private parties. The land bank can also purchase properties or accept properties via conveyance from a member community.

### **Who owns the property once it is acquired?**

The land bank is the owner of the property and is responsible for the maintenance of properties that it owns. If you are concerned about a property, but are unsure of who is the owner, please contact the land bank manager who can help locate the owner. If there is property you believe QCLBA should acquire, please submit information such as address and pictures, via email.

### **Does the land bank focus on residential and commercial properties?**

The QCLBA is focused on both residential and commercial properties. The land bank is also interested in acquiring or partnering on the redevelopment of vacant land.

### **Does QCLBA accept donations?**

Yes! The QCLBA welcomes the donation of cash contributions and property. It is especially interested in receiving recently abandoned or vacated properties. Donated or real estate owned properties from financial institutions are also of interest.

### **How can I get property through the land bank?**

The QCLBA posts all properties available for conveyance (sale/donation/transfer) on its website. If interested in acquiring a listed property, please submit an **application** and review the Disposition Policies prior to submitting. Once the application is received, the board will review the information to determine if the intended use supports land bank policies.

### **How long does it take to acquire property?**

Applications are processed on a first come/ first-served basis. Properties will be conveyed to eligible and approved applicants as quickly as possible. It can take as little as 45 days or can take longer, depending on the circumstances. The more complete the application is the faster the processing.

### **Is property free?**

No. Under our policies, the land bank is required to collect any costs incurred while holding or managing the property. Under certain circumstances and with approval of the board, a property can be conveyed or donated to support a specific project.

### **Does the land bank work with investors?**

Yes! The land bank is interested in working with investors, private individuals and local organizations. As long as the person or entity acquiring property agrees to return the property to productive reuse under the terms of our conveyance agreement and/or policy.

### **Joining the land bank**

The land bank is currently open to governments located in Rock Island County, IL. The land bank can expand, pending available resources to support such expansion.

If your community is interested in joining the QCLBA or learning more, please contact Mary Chappell, the Quad Cities Land Bank Program Manager, at 309-524-2043, or at [mchappell@qclba.org](mailto:mchappell@qclba.org)

### **Are there other land banks like QCLBA?**

The QCLBA is one of nine Illinois land banks and one of approximately 300 land banks organized across the United States. The QCLBA is organized through an intergovernmental agreement of its members, just like the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority in the south Chicagoland region, the Northern Illinois Regional Land Bank Authority in the greater Rockford area, the Central Illinois Land Bank Authority, and the Two Rivers Land Bank Authority in Vermilion County. Other lands banks in Illinois include Cook County and Lake County, the City of Peoria and the City of Kankakee.

For more information on land banks and land banking in general, visit the Center for Community Progress FAQ page found on their website, [FAQ | Center for Community Progress](#)