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Livingston County Land Bank Awarded \$500K State Grant

Geneseo, NY- Livingston County Administrator Ian M. Coyle announced today that the Livingston County Land Bank Corporation (LCLBC) has been awarded \$500,000 in grant funding. Attorney General Barbara D. Underwood on Friday, November 2, 2018, announced \$25.9 million in new funding for New York State land banks that work to protect homeowners and neighborhoods by acquiring blighted homes and transforming them into community assets. This latest round of funding will be administered by Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.

The \$500,000 in grant funding will assist the LCLBC in meeting its mission of reducing neighborhood blight and fighting property decay in the County. The Livingston County Land Bank Corporation was set up last year by the Livingston County Board of Supervisors to acquire real property that is tax delinquent, tax foreclosed, vacant or abandoned, and use the tools of the NYS Land Bank Program to eliminate negative community impacts associated with these properties.

“This infusion of grant monies from the State Attorney General is a vote of confidence in the LCLBC, its Board of Directors and staff members, as well as the Board of Supervisors responsible for creating and setting the direction of the land bank” said Coyle, who is also the Vice Chairman of the LCLBC Board of Directors. “This grant will greatly assist the Land Bank in continuing to achieve its mission of helping communities facilitate the return of vacant, abandoned and tax-delinquent properties to productive use and return them to the tax rolls in a fashion that serves the public interest.”

Since being set up last year, the LCLBC acquired a vacant lot on Cuylerville Road in the Town of Leicester, and then deeded the lot to the Livingston County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Habitat is in the final stages of building a single-family home on the property, which will be occupied in the near future.

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