

MICHIGAN LAND BANK NEWS

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State Legislation Activities



MALB and the SLBA have partnered to retain Charley Lawler and Peter Goodstein (well-known legal counsels for multiple county treasurers and land banks) to review the impact of [SB 676 and 1137](#) passed on December 22, 2020 on land bank operations, including MALB's drafted "Community Impact Fee" legislation waiting to be introduced. There will be an educational session for all MALB members on March 18, 2020 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Please email [Monica Monahan](#) with specific questions by this Friday, March 5th.

Housing North features SLBA ED on panel about land banking tools



On February 24, Housing North hosted a panel which included State Land Bank Executive Director Emily Doerr. The panel focused on how county land banks, as well as the State Land Bank, can be a key partners for affordable and attainable housing development through the usage of tax increment financing (TIF). TIF can be used to cover the gap between construction cost and sales value as "assistance for sale" which is an eligible activity under Act 381. Land bank control/ownership triggers the parcel to qualify!

Email [Jim Tischler](#), SLBA Development Director, if you are interested in more information in utilizing this tool through your county land bank or the SLBA.

What types of training does your county land bank staff need?



The Education Committee of MALB would like your input on training sessions as a MALB member throughout 2021. These sessions may be offered through the year or be part of our Annual Summit in October.

We look forward to your input by completing this [survey](#) by Friday, March 12th. Any questions can be directed to [Linda Horak](#), MALB Education Co-Chair.

National Land Bank Network launched



The Center for Community Progress (CCP) has launched the National Land Bank Network and announced Brian Larkin as its Director.

Brian, a Flint native and resident, has previously worked as Chief of Staff and Planning Director for the City of Flint, Associate Program Officer for the C.S. Mott Foundation, Director at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, and Associate Director of the Governor's Office of Urban and Metropolitan Initiatives.

Brian and Rob Finn, Director of Policy and Research at CCP, recently presented on federal legislation:

- H.R. 7103 (National Land Bank Network Act) introduced in June 2020 by Rep. Kildee (D-MI) and Rep. Ferguson (R-GA)
- S. 4073 (Neighborhood Homes Investment Act) introduced in June 2020 by Senator Cardin (D-MD) and Senator Portman (R-OH).

If you are interested in more information, please email [Payton Heins](#), Director of Michigan Initiatives at CCP.

MALB and SLBA are excited to work with Brian and the NLBN!

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