

# What to Do with Abandoned Property

*Strategies from tax takings to code enforcement actions, condemnation and receiverships*

The COVID-19 pandemic and consequently impacted economy can result in increased neighborhood blight from neglected and abandoned property. This program updates municipal officers, solicitors, and nonprofit agencies on how to employ various strategies to address this problem, including tax takings, code enforcement actions, and receiverships.

## Agenda

- **Developing Strategies for Dealing with Neglected and Abandoned Property for Municipalities:** Early warning signs; Prevention and steps to collect information for all property in a municipality
- **Tips for Deciding Which Strategies to Use**
- **Creating a Housing Receivership That Complies with Statutory and Constitutional Requirements:** Undertaking investigative steps prior to seeking appointment of receiver; Documenting conditions that support appointment of a receiver; Petitioning to enforce the state sanitary code and for appointment of a receiver
- **Who Can or Should Be the Receiver and How to Become One**
- **Receivership Proceedings:** Common issues, including establishing the receiver's budget; Petition to borrow money to make repairs; Owner's petition to stay receivership; Receiver's reporting requirements; Potential civil contempt proceedings
- **Accessing Legal and Financial Resources to Effectively Operate and Manage a Successful Receivership**
- **What a Property Owner Can Do to Contest the Receivership**
- **How to Terminate Receivership and Foreclosure of the Receiver's Lien**
- **Strategies for Property Disposition and Reuse**
- **Where to Turn for Assistance, Forms and Templates**

## Faculty

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## Dates & Location

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Monday, February 7, 2022

12:00 noon–2:00 pm

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### REBROADCAST

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

3:00 pm–5:00 pm

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### REBROADCAST

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

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