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LANCASTER COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY: OPEN HOUSE!

Tour of First Rehabilitated Property

Lancaster, Pennsylvania: The Lancaster County Land Bank Authority (Land Bank) has completed its first rehabilitation of a property in Columbia Borough. An open house will be held on Wednesday, April 25th at 2:00PM. The property, located at 839 Blunston Street, was vacant, blighted, and tax-delinquent. The completely renovated home will now become a residence to a new homeowner. Columbia Borough and the Columbia Borough School District were the first members of the Land Bank. Columbia Borough is committed to downtown revitalization and neighborhood improvement.

The Land Bank worked in collaboration with Columbia Borough and the Columbia Borough School District to achieve this success. The building was acquired with a combination of funds from Columbia Borough and the Community Development Block Grant funds which are allocated to Lancaster County by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The building was sold to a private developer who completed the renovations and is now selling it to an owner-occupant.

The Land Bank and its collaborative partners continue to work within the Borough to decrease blight and vacancy. The Land Bank's mission aims to increase homeownership rates in Lancaster County. Increasing homeownership rates improve neighborhoods and strengthens the County's tax base.

The Lancaster County Land Bank Authority's mission is to deter blight and to return vacant property to productive status using a unified, predictable, and transparent process, thereby revitalizing neighborhoods and strengthening the County's tax base.

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