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RE: Zombie Property Task Force

Honorable Legislature,

The Lancaster Building and Zoning Department wishes to applaud efforts and resources dedicated to partnering with Municipalities in servicing residents struggling with blight within their neighborhoods.

As a participant in the County Clerk's Office Zombie Property initiative since 2016, there have been countless success stories and collaborative efforts with the Erie County Clerk's Office and WNY Law Center in dealing with Mortgage Foreclosures, and now, Tax Delinquent properties.

Our March 19, 2025, CEO Roundtable discussion sparked open dialog related to Tax Delinquent properties and available resources to assist owners navigate and overcoming compounding expenses, providing an avenue for local input on parcels in jeopardy of tax foreclosure, & revealing long standing "Tax Zombies" that evaded the foreclosure process to administer viable investment.

Your continued support for these efforts lessens the strain on Local Zoning & Code Enforcement Agencies to better service their communities within the region.

Sincerely,

Matt Fischione, Code Enforcement Officer/ZEO/CFM/SMO
Town of Lancaster Building and Zoning Department

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