



Tuesday, October 28

10:30 am-11:00 am Welcome and Meet & Greet

11:15 am-12:30 pm Metro Atlanta Tour
Tour Metro Atlanta Land Bank projects

12:30 pm-1:30 pm Lunch-Keynote address: The Road Ahead for Land Banks
Kim Graziani, CCP Indigo Collaborative LLC
Brian Larkin, National Land Bank Network

1:30 pm-2:30 pm Concurrent Sessions:
Land Banking 101
Land Banking 102

Land Bank 101: This session is designed for cities and counties interested in creating a land bank, new land banks just getting started, and existing land banks looking for a refresher. Topics to be explored include basic governance, setting up your board of directors, land bank powers, property acquisition and disposition strategies and best practices across the state.

Presenters: Bekki Fox, Rome Floyd Land Bank Authority
Angel Gray, Albany Dougherty County Land Bank Authority

Land Bank 102: This session is designed for established land banks and will explore the field of land banking in Georgia. Topics to be explored will include establishing creative partnerships, tracking your accomplishments through data, intergovernmental partnerships, and more.

Presenters: Alison Goldey, Chatham/Savannah Land Bank Authority
Everett Verner, Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority

2:30 pm-2:45 pm Break

2:45 pm-3:45 pm Funding Opportunities for Land Banks: BYOB
(Bring Your Own Budget)

This session will cover the basics for developing and improving your land bank budget. What needs to be considered and included in the budget for a land bank. The session will provide budget recommendations and good practices. Bring your own budget (BYOB) for a professional review.

Presenters: Josue Rosales, Rosales Financial Group
Jessica Worthington, Georgia Department of Community Affairs,
Amy Worsham, Brownfield Opportunities
Peter Fleury, Brownfield Opportunities

3:45 pm-4:00 pm Break



4:00 pm-5:30 pm

Concurrent Sessions:

Rural Land Banks

Community Engagement & Resident Relationships

Rural Land Banks: Addressing vacant, abandoned, and dilapidated properties is not just a “big city” problem. This session will explore the opportunities and challenges facing rural land banks. Hear from rural land bank leaders from around the state working in their communities and adapting to unique challenges and opportunities.

Presenters:

Sara Toering, SJT Partners Law & Consulting
Carolyn Brown, Americus-Sumter Land Bank
Sonya Calvin, Dublin Laurens Land Bank

Community Engagement & Resident Relationships: This session will explore how to build relationships within the communities where your land bank is working.

Presenters:

Terica Bashir, Program Director, Metro Atlanta Land Bank
Khaia Gibson, Business Office Manager, Macon-Bibb Land Bank

Dinner on Your Own



Wednesday, October 29

8:30 am-9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am-9:45 am GALBA Business Meeting and Elections

9:45 am-10:00 am Break

10:00 am-11:00 am Understanding the Tax Foreclosure Process

This session will help you understand the judicial and non-judicial tax foreclosure process and how land banks can work with their tax commissioners to acquire problem properties and return them to a productive use.

Invite your tax commissioner to attend virtually.

Presenters: Chris Johnson, Augusta Richmond County Tax Commissioner
Wade McCord, Bibb County Tax Commissioner
Everett Verner, Director, Macon-Bibb Land Bank

11:00 am-12:00 pm Strategic Planning for Land Banks

This session will examine the process of Strategic planning for land banks, including establishing organizational direction and setting priorities and goals to identify structured steps to achieve a vision for your land bank.

Presenters: Chris Norman, Director, Metro Atlanta Land Bank
Amanda Carter, Manager, Rome Floyd Land Bank

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Boxed Lunch- Legislative Landscape and LBA Interests

Presenters: Noah Roenitz, GMA, Senior Governmental Relations Associate
Kaylon Day-ACCG, Governmental Affairs Associate
Marion Phillips, Georgia Power

1:00 pm-2:00 pm Heirs Property/Tangled Titles

This session will address heirs' property issues and examine how these issues intersect with a Land Bank's efforts to address vacant, abandoned, and deteriorated properties. Learn about how tangled titles and unresolved property issues affect the work of land banks.

Presenters: Veronica McLendon, Attorney, Macon-Bibb Land Bank Board Member
Allie Jet, Jett Law Group/Clayton County Land Bank

2:00 pm-3:00 pm Working with Development Partners

Collaborations between land banks and developers are essential for the development of sustainable and affordable housing. This session will explore how land banks are increasingly working with developers to provide sustainable and efficient ways to redevelop underutilized land and return it to a productive use.

Presenters: Shawn Edwards, Director, Augusta Land Bank
Terica Bashir, Program Director, Metro Atlanta Land Bank

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