VACANT LAND FACTS

EVOLUTION OF VACANT LAND

1. Industry Closes
2. Population Declines
3. Properties Abandoned
4. Tax Revenue Decreases
5. Funding Needed Exceeds Funding Available

COSTS

Direct: $2 million for municipal services like fire, police, and code enforcement
Indirect: $226 million in lost property value

More than two-thirds of homes (67.3%) in distressed property markets are affected by vacant land in Allegheny County

Unaffected
33%

Affected
67%

26,743

Vacant Lots in the City of Pittsburgh

One-third of vacant lots are chronically tax delinquent

BENEFITS OF MAINTENANCE

Economic: Property values could increase by 7.6% with stabilization of vacant land

Mental Health: Greening efforts have shown to decrease feelings of depression by 40%

Community Cohesion: Maintenance efforts foster community leadership and participation

Grounded Strategies works with local Pittsburgh communities to provide technical assistance in vacant lot maintenance, stormwater management, and greenspace design. Vacant lots markedly compromise the quality of life for residents, negatively impact property values, and significantly weaken the City’s tax base. Grounded envisions empowered communities with access to the right tools and resources to make green, resilient, safe, and livable spaces.

Sources: groundedpgh.org, tricoglandbank.org, pghlandbank.org