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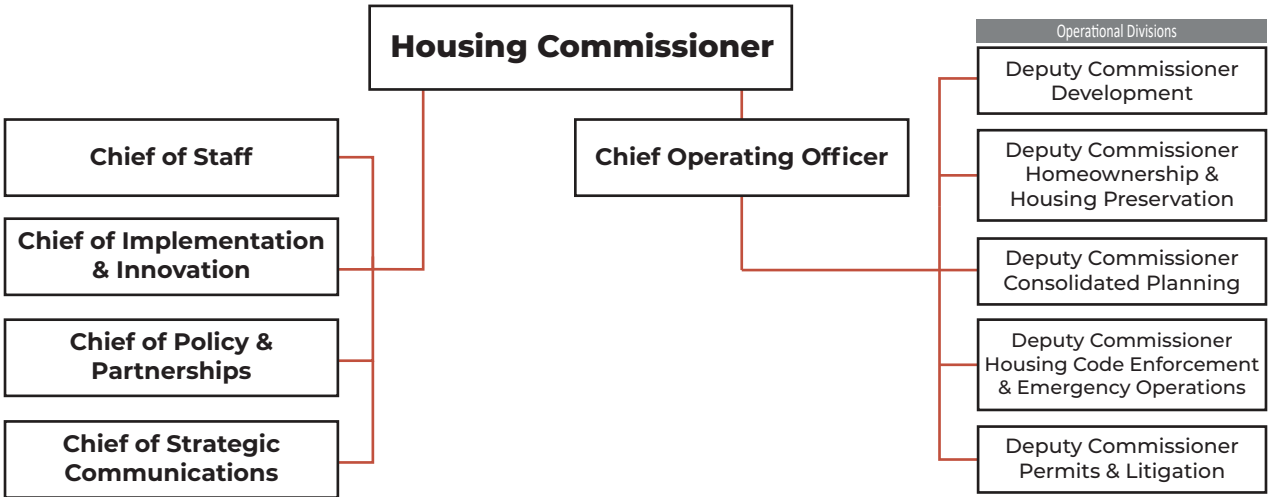
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHAT WE DO

baltimorecity.gov/dhcd

This brochure highlights the work of our five operational divisions and our comprehensive work to reduce the number of vacant buildings in Baltimore and create holistic, whole block, whole community outcomes. We do this work with a commitment to community based, inclusive development, grounded in high quality customer service and equity.

Agency Leadership Chart



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    HC[Housing Commissioner] --> CS[Chief of Staff]
    HC --> COI[Chief of Implementation & Innovation]
    HC --> COP[Chief of Policy & Partnerships]
    HC --> CSC[Chief of Strategic Communications]
    HC --> COO[Chief Operating Officer]
    COO --> DCD[Deputy Commissioner Development]
    COO --> DCHP[Deputy Commissioner Homeownership & Housing Preservation]
    COO --> DCCP[Deputy Commissioner Consolidated Planning]
    COO --> DCHCEO[Deputy Commissioner Housing Code Enforcement & Emergency Operations]
    COO --> DCLP[Deputy Commissioner Permits & Litigation]
  
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HOMEOWNERSHIP & HOUSING PRESERVATION

Supports existing homeowners through no- and low-cost home repair grants and loans that preserves affordable housing, prevents displacement and blight, builds equity for Baltimoreans, and stabilizes communities. The Division also:

- Provides down payment and closing costs assistance to new homebuyers.
- Manages the Tax Sale Deferral program to help homeowners stay in their homes.
- Administers the Lead Hazard Reduction Program to determine the presence and location of existing lead hazards and select cost-effective and sustainable interventions.
- Has Ombudsmen staff on duty 24/7 to support tenants and residents facing emergency housing situations.

Learn more at baltimorecity.gov/dhcd or contact the Division at (410) 396-3023.

DEVELOPMENT

Manages all components of community development from planning, property acquisition and site assembly to disposition and project finance. This division administers the Community Catalyst Grants program, Developer Incentives, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the HOME program dollars, the Adopt-A-Lot Program, Property Donations, and the Water Access Program for community gardens. The division also manages the Judicial In Rem Foreclosure allowing DHCD to foreclose on the liens on a vacant lot or building where the value of the liens exceeds the assessed value of the property. Judicial In Rem is designed to improve the pace at which the City can address properties that have a blighting influence on our neighborhoods. Contact us at developmentinfo@baltimorecity.gov or 410-396-4111.

CONSOLIDATED PLANNING

Coordinates the receipt and retention of four Federal Formula Grants programs provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). HUD formula grant resources support a wide range of housing and social services to over 50,000 low- and moderate-income Baltimoreans annually. Agency Annual Action Plans and Five-year Consolidated Plans, which help guide and describe community development efforts in Baltimore City, are available at baltimorecity.gov/dhcd. For general information about the Division of Consolidated Planning, please contact (410) 396-3507.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Enforces the city's housing, zoning, building and related codes. This group makes sure that people follow the rules about housing, where you can build things, and other important regulations concerning property maintenance. This work ensures residents of Baltimore live in safe buildings, habitable housing, and decent neighborhoods. The division conducts about 150,000 + property maintenance inspections each year and monitors every vacant building in the city. The division's Special Operations Team addresses complex situations such as vacating people illegally occupying vacant properties. Contact information for each area office of Code Enforcement is available at baltimorecity.gov/dhcd. To report potential housing and sanitation complaints, please call 311 or use the online portal at baltimorecity.gov/311.

PERMITS AND LITIGATION

Issues over 30,000 construction permits annually, conducts over 70,000 trade inspections, oversees property registration, enforces rental licensing, coordinates property demolition and stabilization, and Baltimore's national best practice "receivership" program. Permits issued by this division can be for residential or commercial construction, interior and exterior alterations, electrical, mechanical, plumbing work, use and occupancy, or private property events. Also, the Division's Special Investigation Unit investigates and builds cases for illegal dumping. To report illegal dumping call 311 or use the online portal at baltimorecity.gov/311. To contact the Permits Office directly, call 443-984-1809 or email DHCD.Permits@baltimorecity.gov.

OUR TOOLKIT FOR VACANTS REDUCTION

Utilizing a holistic and comprehensive strategy, the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) has taken a proactive and innovative approach in confronting the issue of vacant properties in Baltimore. Through various partners working tirelessly on this issue, we have made critical strides in reducing the number of vacant properties in our city.

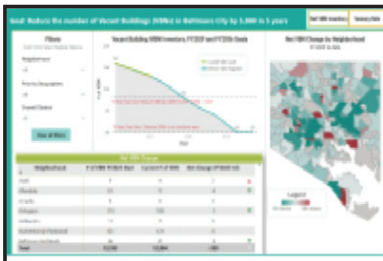
The City holds derelict property owners accountable and implements strategies to eliminate blight and stabilize neighborhoods. We utilize private acquisition, property donation, condemnation, receivership, tax sale foreclosure, judicial in rem, relocation, stabilization, and demolition to reduce the number of vacant properties and homeownership repair grants, tax sale deferral support, and estate planning programs to prevent blight. DHCD uses housing related data and statistics to gain insight into the true impact vacancy and blight and to drive block level community-based plans. Since 2021, vacant properties throughout Baltimore dropped to the lowest level in more than a decade. In 2024, the Scott Administration introduced a \$3 billion capital plan to fully eliminate vacants over the next 15 years. The plan is rooted in equity, justice, and righting historical wrongs.

Visit our Research and Analytics Gallery at baltimorecity.gov/dhcd to access any of the following dashboards to learn more.



Addressing Baltimore's Vacant Properties at Scale

The Scott Administration plans to eliminate vacant properties in Baltimore City by investing at least \$3.0 billion in our neighborhoods over the next 15 years. Our plan is rooted in equity, justice, and righting historical wrongs.



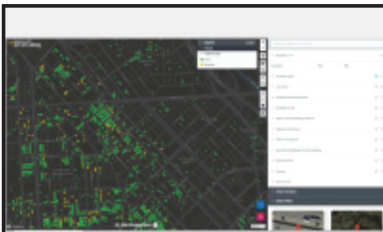
Baltimore Vacants Reinvestment Council Dashboard

This dashboard showcases data on the City and State's Vacants revitalization goals, strategies, and processes. It provides real-time tracking of key metrics and enables users to explore progress in DHCD's priority areas and citywide.



CoDeMap

An interactive mapping to look up housing and property information. This is the newest edition of DHCD's interactive web map. It adds many features to what CoDeMap offered, such as documentation, printing, and exporting of data.



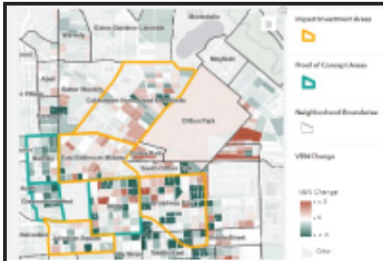
DHCD BuyIntoBmore

The new BuyIntoBmore site aggregates property information from a number of City agencies to provide a comprehensive, user-friendly, mapping tool for constituents to apply to the various programs that allow them to invest in the City.



Key Stats Dashboard

This dashboard shows trends in vacant building notices, vacant building rehabs, as well as demolitions in Baltimore City. This is updated daily.



VBN Change Dashboard

Vacants Building Notices (VBN) Change Dashboard by Neighborhood



Baltimore City Housing Permits Dashboard

Here, you can access real-time data on permit applications -- how many have been submitted, status (in review, approved, issued), and the typical time frames involved.



Investment Map

This application shows where DHCD is spending money by neighborhood. This is only a portion and represents what is clearly mappable to an address. A new iteration will be released soon that allows additional drilling down into each neighborhood.



Every empty home is a missed opportunity for a family, a small business, or a thriving block. This is about more than real estate. It's about restoring dignity, safety, and opportunity to our neighborhoods. And we're committed to doing the hard work, together. Visit ReframeBaltimore.com to learn more about why there are so many vacant houses in Baltimore City, how we are addressing the vacant properties at scale, and how you can get involved.