



County Land Banks: Are They a Good Fit for Us? – CCAO 2nd Wednesday Webinar

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “County Land Banks: Are They a Good Fit for Us?” webinar on Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m. Emerging in response to the foreclosure crisis, land banks serve as a way to strategically acquire properties, return them to productive use, reduce blight, increase property values and improve the quality of life for residents. Effective Sept. 29, 2015, the state budget permits any county to establish a land reutilization corporation, also known as a land bank. Prior to this change, land banks were required to have a population of at least 60,000. This webinar will provide basic information about how to form and operate a successful land bank and if the fit is right for your county. Topics include:

- What is a county land bank?
- 10 reasons you need a land bank
- Reasons not to create a land bank
- How to operate a county land bank

Jim Rokakis, Esq., vice president of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the director of the Thriving Communities Institute, and Robin Darden Thomas, Land Bank program director for the Thriving Communities Institute, will present on the topic.

Registration: Webinar participants may pose questions during and after the presentation. To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click [here](#).

There is no charge to attend the webinar. If you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and you wish to register for the webinar, please email [Amanda Jones](#), CCAO program assistant, and provide her with your name, title, county or organization and email address.

For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact [Brad Cole](#), CCAO managing director of research. [Read more...](#)