



Prevent Property Tax Foreclosure

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July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Collaboration	36 City, Village and Township Meetings	51 County Department Leader Meetings	147 Community Events Attended	236 Business, Civic, Community, Education and Faith-Based Leader Meetings
	445 Surplus Properties		15 Side Lots Sold	\$11,648 Side Lot Sales
Surplus Properties				

Public Funds Security, Investments and Management

\$1.3B County Funds Invested	\$20M Interest Earned	\$582M Funds Deposited	\$506M Debt Managed for Capital Projects	\$1.56B Funds Disbursed
948 Home Repair Mortgage Payments Received	\$185K Mortgage Payment Received	47,290 Vendor Payments	172K Employee and Retiree Payments	56 Government Units in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)

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2023 Property Tax Foreclosure Prevention Efforts

Our office works tirelessly and collaboratively throughout the year to assist residential and commercial property owners retain their property rights while complying with Michigan law.

This year, we significantly decreased the tax-foreclosed properties to our lowest number ever. A summary of our efforts is below.

- 1,226 taxpayer assistance meetings
- 1,418 taxpayer repayment plans
- 4,442 delinquent property visits to provide notice and resources
- 10,484 business engagements to prevent property seizure
- 100,776 resources and notices for 2023, 2024 and 2025
- 3.065 million total impressions from the multimedia campaign
- \$4.836 million in MIHAF financial assistance from 357 applications

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Prevent Property Tax Foreclosure Recap

The following data summarizes the 2020 delinquent property taxes, our efforts to prevent property tax foreclosure, and the third and final year of the foreclosure process.



Property Tax foreclosure is a three-year process.

2021 Unpaid Property Taxes

41,465 Delinquent properties were turned over for collection.

6,066 Properties were forfeited on Mar. 1, 2023, and are subject to foreclosure.

2024 Property Tax Foreclosure Prevention Efforts

The deadline is April 1.

Full Payment or Repayment Plan

All unpaid 2021 property taxes must be paid in full, or a Repayment Plan must be approved by April 1, 2024.

We're here to help!

FEC and TAMs

Our Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) offers free and confidential financial counseling services.

Taxpayer Assistance Meetings (TAMs) are one-on-one calls to potentially set up or renew a repayment plan for property owners with unpaid 2021 and prior year property taxes.

Community outreach is ongoing.

Community Meetings and Campaign

Our efforts to raise awareness and encourage property owners with unpaid property taxes to pay in full or contact our office for assistance are ongoing. We also conduct a multimedia advertising campaign throughout February and March.

Properties with unpaid taxes will be foreclosed.

Per State law, property ownership transfers to the Treasurer's Office.

Foreclosed properties will be available for purchase in a virtual land sale auction in the summer and fall.

In 2023, less than 100 properties were available for purchase from 368.

Help us spread the word.

Digital and print materials are available.

We appreciate your assistance and support. Flyers and articles are available. We also welcome the reposting of our social media content.

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Community Resources

Financial Empowerment Center
Oakland County Treasurer's Office
(248) 858-0672
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Poverty Exemption
Oakland County Equalization
Department or
Local Assessor
(248) 858-0740
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