### IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Trustees of the Land Trust of Jackson County to convey one parcel of real property located in Kansas City, Missouri, to Indian Mound Neighborhood Association of Kansas City, MO, for rehabilitation and redevelopment of the urban core in accordance with section 141.750.2, RSMo 2000.

RESOLUTION #17916, June 11, 2012

INTRODUCED BY Scott Burnett, County Legislator

WHEREAS, section 141.750.2, RSMo 2000, authorizes the Trustees of the Land Trust of Jackson County to convey title in fee simple for consideration less than two-thirds of the appraised value of a property, only after the consent of at least two of the Trustees' appointing authorities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, by its Resolution 110072, approved February 10, 2011, has delegated the authority to its Director of Neighborhood and Community Services Department to approve the transfer of blighted properties held by Land Trust of Jackson County to neighborhood-based non-profit corporations for rehabilitation; and,

WHEREAS, by Resolution 17509, dated February 14, 2011, the Legislature did express its support for these efforts of the City Council and staff of the City of Kansas City to reduce blight in the city's urban core; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri Director Neighborhood and Community

Services Department has recommended that the property located at 5415 St. John Avenue, Kansas City, MO, legally described as Winningham Place W 20.5' of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12, parcel number 13-840-04-29-01-0-00-000, be conveyed to Indian Mound Neighborhood Association of Kansas City (Jackson County), MO, a Missouri non-profit corporation, to cultivate into a community garden in an effort to curb blight within the urban core; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Land Trust Trustees be authorized to convey the property located at 5415 St. John Avenue, Kansas City, MO, for an amount of less than two-thirds market value, to the Indian Mound Neighborhood Association, a Missouri non-profit corporation, for the purpose of better maintaining this property and revitalizing the area in which it is located; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, encourages the Land Trust Trustees to include and enforce reversionary clauses in the conveyances regarding redevelopment of the properties within a prescribed time frame; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Land Trust Trustees are hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to convey the above-described property for less than two-thirds market value.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a

majority of the Legislature.

# REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION Completed by County Counselor's Office: RestOrd No.: 17916 Sponsor(s): Scott Burnet Date: June 11, 201

Scott Burnett June 11, 2012

SUBJECT	Action Requested Resolution Ordinance  Project/Title: Request authorization to donate Land Tru Kansas City, Missouri to the non-profit Indian Mound N	st property at 5415 St. John Avenue in eighborhood Association.	
BUDGET INFORMATION To be completed By Requesting Department and Finance	Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year: Amount previously authorized this fiscal year: Total amount authorized after this legislative action: Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers): Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number; FROM / TO	\$ \$ \$ \$ FROM ACCT	
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PRIOR LEGISLATION	Prior ordinances and (date):  Prior resolutions and (date): 1509		
CONTACT INFORMATION	RLA drafted by: Sandy Aguirre Mayer, Special Projects Coordinator for County Executive's Office, 881-3282		
REQUEST SUMMARY	The administration requests donation of the Land Trust vacant lot at 5415 St. John Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri to the Indian Mound Neighborhood Association in order to place a community garden and green space This property has been blighted with illegal dumping and litter. Indian Mound has taken steps to clean up the site, has been mowing and clearing overgrowth and abating graffiti from the adjacent building. This neighborhood association subsists on a zero-dollar budget. They have been given \$150 from the City's Adopt-A-Lot to purchase plants and materials. They have also submitted for additional funding form other organizations. This organization has been in existence for 14 years to promote the betterment, safety and improvement of their community. All documents are attached that they county requires for approval.		

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### NON-PROFIT SUMMARY FOR REQUEST OF DONATION OR REDUCED PURCHASE PRICE OF LAND TRUST PROPERTY

NAME OF ORGANIZATION INGIAN MOUND NEIGHDOFHOOD ASSOCIATION
ADDRESS P.O. Box 6660, 221 Jackson Avenue
CITY, STATE, ZIP Kansas City, MO 64123
CONTACT PERSON Katie Greer, President
PHONE (785) 564-3866 EMAIL President.IMNA@gmail.com
HOW LONG HAS YOUR ORGANIZATION BEEN OPERATING? (MINIMUM 5 YEARS REQUIRED) 14
WHAT IS THE MISSION OF YOUR ORGANIZATION? We exist to promote the betterment and safety
of our way of life and ensure the improvement of our community and Kansas City, Missouri.
PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS (1 PAGE EACH) AND CHECK IF ATTACHED:
COVER LETTER TO: MICHAEL D. SANDERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE CC: SHELLEY KNEUVEAN, DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER CC: SCOTT BURNETT, CHAIR OF FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
EXPLANATION WHY YOU NEED A DONATION OR PURCHASE FOR LESS THAN 2/3 APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY (IES)
MAP SHOWING THE PROPERTY YOU ARE REQUESTING WITH SURROUNDING, LABELED STREETS
COPY OF YOUR 501 c (3) LETTER
LISTING OF BOARD MEMBERS WITH CONTACT INFORMATION
LISTING OF STAFF MEMBERS, IF ANY
NARRATIVE OF YOUR PLANS FOR THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING: 1. PREVIOUS SIMILAR PROJECTS AND THEIR OUTCOMES 2. HOW THIS PROPOSED PROJECT WILL BENEFIT THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND/OR GENERAL PUBLIC
LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT YOU PLAN TO UNDERTAKE WITH THE PROPERTY
DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING OR RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT PROJECT, ARE PUBLIC FUNDS INVOLVED?
COPY OF WEBPAGE, IF ANY
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
HOW LONG HAS THIS PROPERTY BEEN IN LAND TRUST?
PLEASE EMAIL ALL DOCUMENTS TO: smayer@jacksongov.org. Call Sandy Mayer at 816 881-3282 with questions.



May 2, 2012

Jackson County Land Trust Michael D. Sanders County Executive

Dear Mr. Sanders,

The Indian Mound Neighborhood Association would like to request that the Land Trust Lot located at 5415 St. John Avenue be donated to the neighborhood for the purpose of rehabilitation.

This blighted lot is located on a main thoroughfare in our neighborhood. We have already taken steps to clean up the illegal dumping and littering that has occurred at this location as well as mowing and clearing overgrowth and abating graffiti from the adjacent building. Our intention is to turn this lot in to a community garden and green space.

Crime and blight begets crime and blight. If an area is unkempt, it sends the message that people don't care. By improving the appearance of this lot, we will increase the perception of safety and improve the quality of life for our residents. If vacant and abandoned properties can bring down and entire neighborhood, our hope is that improved properties can revitilize one.

Our neighborhood association subsists on a zero-dollar budget. All funds we receive for specific projects are used for those projects. We have been given \$150 from the City's Adopt-A-Lot plan to purchase plants and materials. We have also submitted an application for \$5,000 to the Lowe's/Keep America Beautiful Community Improvement Grant. We will utilize every community resource we can find to accomplish this plan, including continuing our partnerships with Keep Kansas City Beautiful, Bridging the Gap, the Kansas City Police Department, St. John Community Garden, Northeast Arts KC, Mattie Rhodes Center, Holy Cross Catholic School, Kansas City Community Gardens, Missouri Organics, Kansas City Power & Light, and Northeast Realty. We will do everything we can to turn this eyesore in to an asset.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Katie Greer

CC: Shelley Kneuvean, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer CC: Scott Burnett, Chair of Finance and Audit Committee



### Office of the City Attorney

28<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall 414 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street Kansas City, Missouri 64106

(816) 513-3129 Fax: (816) 513-3133

May 4, 2012

The Honorable Michael D. Sanders Jackson County Executive Jackson County Courthouse 415 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Re: Donation by Land Trust of Jackson County to Indian Mound Neighborhood Association 5415 St. John Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri

Dear County Executive Sanders:

On behalf of Indian Mound Neighborhood Association, a Missouri non-profit corporation ("Association"), the City of Kansas City, through David Park, as Deputy Director of Neighborhoods and Housing Department, has determined that it is appropriate to authorize the Land Trust of Jackson County ("Land Trust") to donate to such non-profit certain property located in its own neighborhood of Kansas City. Accordingly, we are requesting that the Jackson County Legislature consider and adopt an authorizing resolution also allowing a donation for the property located at 5415 St. John Avenue, being Jackson County Parcel No. 13-840-04-29-01-0-00-000 [some references in various online systems is for 5417, but the Jackson County parcel number confirms that this is one and the same].

The City's Resolution No. 110072 authorizing donation approval requires that the prospective recipient be Missouri non-profit corporation based in the neighborhood in which the property is located. The Land Trust policy requires that an organization be in existence for five years.

I have independently confirmed that the Association is in good standing as a non-profit corporation with the Missouri Secretary of State, and has been in continuous existence since August 4, 1997. An examination of the last several annual reports strongly supports that the board membership is drawn from the neighborhood in which the property sought for donation is located. The original articles of incorporation state the purpose of such Association is to "create and help maintain a sustainable neighborhood," and further that upon dissolution any remaining assets must go to another non-profit organization, so it is clear that such Association meets the criteria established in the City's Resolution.

The County as a part of its approval process has previously required that an entity also be a 501(c) (3) entity. I have confirmed with Katie Greer, the President of such Association, that the Association is not a federally tax exempt organization. Failure to be a federally tax exempt organization does not necessarily preclude a donation from the City's perspective, and we are requesting that the County waive in this particular instance the requirement that the Association must be a federally tax exempt organization, but

Letter to Jackson County Executive Sanders May 4, 2012 Page 2 of 2

only in this instance based on these strong facts of the long-standing nature of the Association's commitment to the neighborhood which it has served so many years.

As further background and substantiation of the reasonableness of this donation request, Jackson County parcel no. 13-840-04-29-01-0-00-000 was last conveyed into the Land Trust on January 26, 2011, after being sold in the August 2010 delinquent tax sale. It was deemed bid-in for back taxes in the amount of \$227.00, although the County deems it to have a 2011 market value of \$7,000. It contains about 7,289 square feet. Although the County's economic development website, property information portion, shows a structure, my search of the City's records indicates that the City demolished that structure resulting in an assessment of \$37,284.53 all of which was abated, because the property went into the Land Trust. Any positive value that the property now has is a direct result of the demolition done by the City at its expense. The demolition occurred somewhere in the window of time between August [application for demolition permit] to December 2008 [demolition noted as completed]. The Certificate of Existence of Dangerous Building was dated May 9, 2007, and recorded May 29, 2007, so the property was a problem property for a time period in advance of the actual demolition. There have been multiple requests for service at this property, even post-demolition, for weeds, trash removal, all of which were addressed at the City's expense, or through this neighborhood association's own volunteer efforts.

A factor in the City's consideration of this donation request was the wide based support for the Indian Mound Neighborhood Association, and the past efforts in their neighborhood. That support is documented by letters of support from the Kansas City Missouri Police Department, the Mattie Rhodes Center, and the Northeast Chamber of Commerce. Each of these supporters represents a key component of this neighborhood's fabric, which is only weakened by the vacant unimproved property on a major arterial with high visibility.

Please favorably consider our request for the donation of this property to the Indian Mound Neighborhood Association from the Land Trust.

McIntyre, Assistant City Attorney

Sincerely.

Cc: The Honorable Scott Burnett, Chair

Jackson County Legislature Finance & Audit Committee

Shelley Temple-Kneuvean, Chief Operations Officer Office of the Jackson County Executive

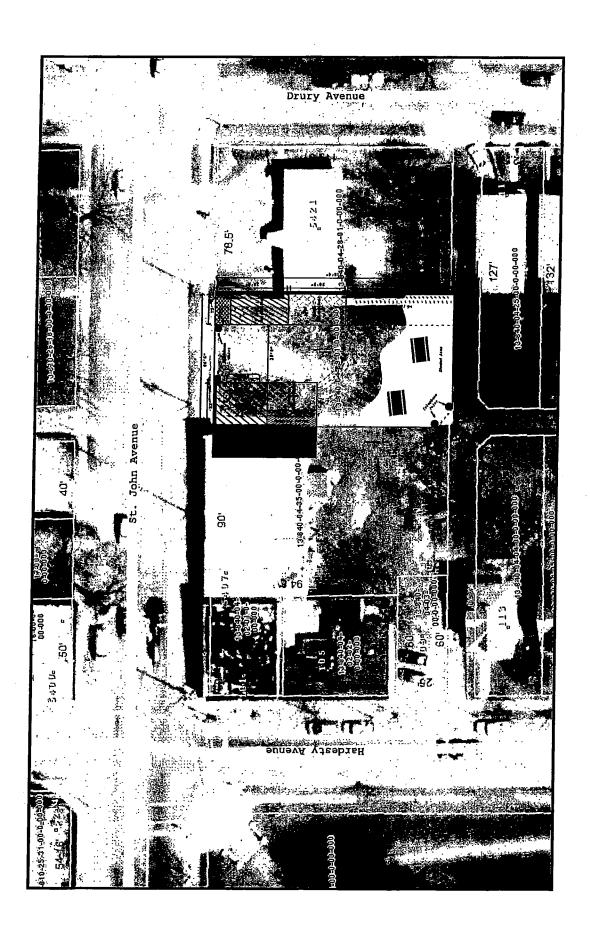
Katie Greer, President, Indian Mound Neighborhood Association

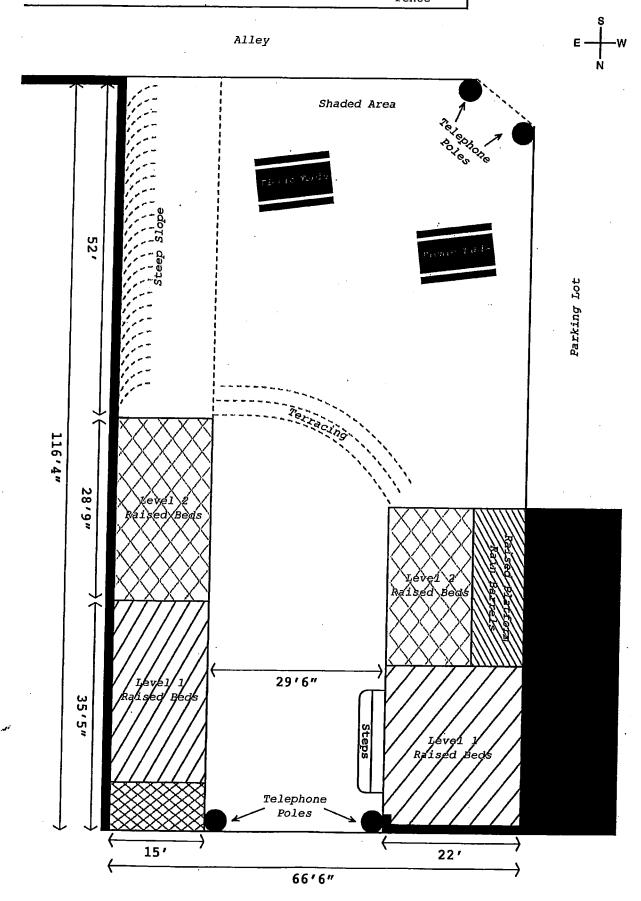
Councilman Scott Wagner



Why do we need this property to be donated to us, rather than purchasing it for 2/3 the appraised value?

The quick and easy answer is, we don't have any money. 66% of our population lives on less than \$40,000 a year and nearly one-fourth of our residents live on less than \$15,000 a year. This is not an affluent area where we can rely on donations from our residents to support our efforts. The neighborhood association essentially subsists on a zero-dollar budget. All funds we receive for specific projects are used for those projects.







We are registered as a nonprofit with the State of Missouri. We do not have a Federal 501(c)(3) exemption. I am including our Certificate of Incorporation dated August 4, 1997 and our Annual Registration Report for 2011.



### Rebecca McDowell Cook Secretary of State

CORPORATION DIVISION
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
MISSOURI NONPROFIT

WHEREAS, DUPLICATE ORIGINALS OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF INDIAN MOUND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHICH ARTICLES, IN ALL RESPECTS, COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF MISSOURI NONPROFIT CORPORATION LAW;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REBECCA McDOWELL COOK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY LAW, DO HEREBY CERTIFY AND DECLARE THIS ENTITY A BODY CORPORATE, DULY ORGANIZED THIS DATE AND THAT IT IS ENTITLED TO ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES GRANTED CORPORATIONS ORGANIZED UNDER THE MISSOURI NONPROFIT CORPORATION LAW.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE SET MY HAND AND IMPRINTED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, ON THIS, THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1997.

Secretary of State

\$25.00



### State of Missouri

Rebecca McDowell Cook, Secretary of State P. O. Box 778, Jefferson CEJLERO 185 102 TIFICATE OF

Corporation INDONESTATION ISSUED AUG 04 1997 Articles of Incorporation of a Nonprofit Corporation (To be submitted in duplicate with a filing fee of \$25) The undersigned natural person(s) of the age of eighteen years or more for the purpose of forming BCOM under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of Missouri adopt the following Articles of Incorporation: · (1) The name of the corporation is\_ Benefit Corporation. This corporation is a \_ (2) The period of duration of the corporation is. (3) The name and street address of the Registered Agent and Registered Office in Missouri is: (4) The name(s) and address(es) of each incorporator: (3) President Vice President Treasurer ex Barlows 3. Provisions not inconsistent with law regarding the distribution of assets on dissolution floor (7) Demoining stroots: privates to norther Mat Profit Org. The corporation is formed for the following purpose(s): \_ (8) Netabhorhood Sustaniable The effective date of this document is the date it is filed by the Secretary of State of Missouri, (9) unless you indicate a finine date, as follows. The Date this document is with Secretary of State. (Decemby not be more than 90 days after the filing date in this office.) In affirmation of the facts stated above, S. Laundale 1C.C.Mo. 64123 6/15/97. Cosp. #52 (6-95)

# Robin Carnahan Secretary of State 2011 ANNUAL REGISTRATION REPORT

NONPROFIT

File Number: 201123481008 N00057100 Date Filed: 08/22/2011 Robin Carnahan

Secretary of State

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#### Board Members:

Katie Greer
221 Jackson Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64123
785-564-3866
President.IMNA@gmail.com

Bryan Stalder 515 N. Bellaire Kansas City, MO 64123

Tracy Gardner 4406 Sunrise Drive Kansas City, MO 64123

We have no Staff Members.



#### Project Narrative:

We have already done some work to clean up the vacant lot located at 5415 St. John Avenue. In the last year, we have picked up trash, mowed and cleared brush, hauled away dumped tires, and abated grafitti from the adjacent building. We have done as much as we can with our limited resources. We have applied for grant funding to pay for renovations, but we need to be the owners of the property before we can do any real work on it.

Crime and blight begets crime and blight. If an area is unkempt, it sends the message that people don't care. By improving the appearance of this lot, we will increase the perception of safety and improve the quality of life for our residents. If vacant and abandoned properties can bring down and entire neighborhood, our hope is that improved properties can revitilize one.

There are 32 Land Trust properties in Indian Mound. Attempting to simply clean and maintain these vacant lots is a losing battle. The City expends significant resources and is left with little to show for it. It is widely recognized that blight has a significant negative impact on residents. It is time for us to take ownership of this problem and work to improve the appearance, increase the perception of safety, and improve the quality of life for our residents. Ultimately, we want to find a lasting solution to this problem, but our immediate goal is to start with this one ugly, vacant lot.

Goal	Objective
Stop graffiti in a highly visible area	Provide a mural on a wall that is a target for graffiti
Stop illegal dumping	Eliminate a dirt driveway that is being used by dumpers and is a public safety hazard
Provide a green space that can be enjoyed by the entire community	Remove trash, eliminate weeds and overgrowth, and create a beautiful edible garden space with native varieties
Create an example of revitalization	Use location as a standard for the entire community
Involve a wide variety of community members	Recruit volunteers from local businesses, churches, and schools
Provide food for those in need	Donate food to the Harvester's program
Utilize the natural resource of rain	Install rain barrels to provide water for the gardens
Create a sustainable program	Make the garden eternal by using perennial fruit bushes and collecting seeds in the fall to use in the next year



Darryl Forté Chief of Police

#### Headquarters Building

1125 Locust Kansas City, Missouri 64106 www.kcpd.org

(816) 234-5000

To whom it may concern,

I would like to take the opportunity to offer our support for the Indian Mound Neighborhood Association as they seek to acquire the Jackson County Land Trust lot located at 5415 St. John Avenue. This is one of many vacant properties in the Northeast that provide a welcome mat for crime and blight. The Neighborhood Association intends to utilize this property for attractive green space. This will provide space for many positive community activities. By doing this they will help change the perception of crime and blight in the area and they will also instill hope for positive change in the minds of those citizens who reside in close proximity. This will also assist these citizens in taking back ownership of their block. I've witnessed the positive affect this can have in other neighborhoods in the Northeast who have taken advantage of donated vacant lots. Thanks for your time and consideration of this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted.

P.O. Jason Cooley #4048
Community Interaction Officer

**East Patrol Division** 

Kansas City Missouri Police Department

816-482-8506

jason.cooley@kcpd.org



## NECC

Dedicated to Promoting and Serving Business Interests in Northeast Kansas City
Phone: (816) 231-3312 www.NEKCchamber.com FAX: (816) 231-2101

To Whom It May Concern:

The Northeast Chamber of Commerce would like to offer our support for the Indian Mound Nelghborhood as they seek to acquire the Land Trust Lot located at 5415 St. John Avenue. This is a vacant, blighted property that is located on Saint John Ave., a main thoroughfare and is highly visible. It detracts from the otherwise active businesses at that community corner.

The Indian Mound Neighborhood plans to turn this eyesore in to a community green space. The act of converting vacant lots to small parks has been shown to reduce crime in neighborhoods.

It is our hope that with the support of efforts like these, a community can truly change the physical and psychological landscape of this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elenen Kong

Rebecca Koop

**Executive Director** 

NECC



**Board of Directors** 

Begonya Klumb Chair

Patrick Meraz

February 29, 2012

Erika Ramirez Vice Chair

To whom it may concern:

Joe Medina Secretary

Treasurer

On behalf of Mattie Rhodes Center, I would like to voice our agency's support for the Indian Mound Neighborhood Association as it seeks to acquire the land trust lot located at 5415 St. John Avenue.

Sheri Gormley
Chair Elect

Andrea Gomez

This is a vacant, blighted property that is located on a main thoroughfare and is highly visible. The Indian Mound Neighborhood Association plans to convert this eyesore into a community green space. The act of converting

vacant lots to small parks has been shown to reduce crime in

Jan Buerge
Larry Close

Lesley Elwell

neighborhoods. It is our hope that with the support of efforts like these we can truly change the physical landscape of this area and create a safer

place for residents to live.

Marissa Gencarelli

I thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Shannon Jaax

Bob D. Paredes

Please contact me at jfierro@mattierhodes.org or (816) 581-5612 should you have any questions.

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CiCi Rojas Sincerely,

Jaclyn Steiner

Jesus Torres-Sosa

Steve Turley

John Fierro

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President/CEO

Christine Yannitelli

President/CEO

John Fierro



Description of funding and resources:

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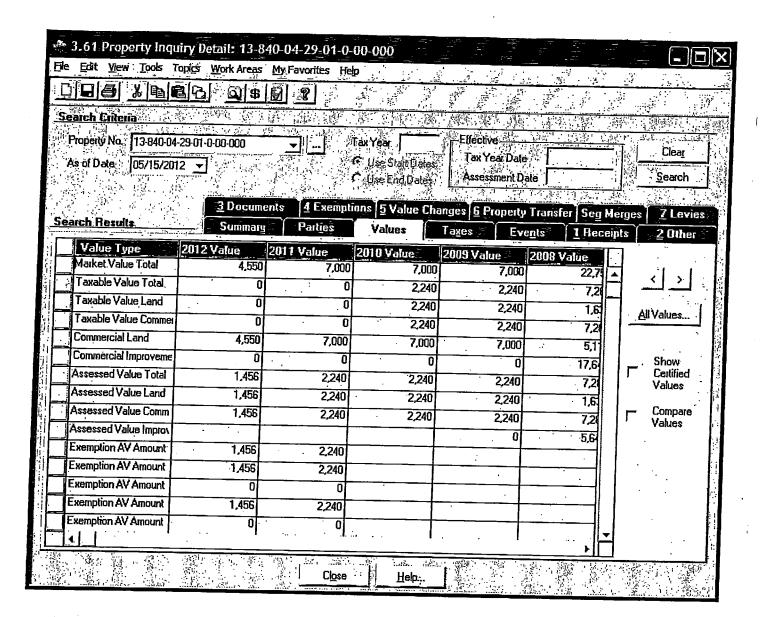


The Indian Mound neighborhood is located in the 1st Legislative District of Jackson County.



How long has this property been in Land Trust?

This property has been in Land Trust for a year and a half. It was conveyed into the Land Trust on January 26, 2011. This location has been a nuisance for over five years. There was a structure located on this parcel that had to be torn down by the City and the now vacant lot continues to be a blight on our neighborhood.



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