



CITY OF WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

Municipal Building
245 Washington Street
Watertown, New York 13601

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City of Watertown Vacant & Abandoned Houses Task Force

As part of the **City's Vacant Home Initiative**, the City is taking a multi-prong approach to **tackle distressed properties**. The City was awarded a grant by New York State to help identify, track, and address property maintenance code violations at Vacant Residential Houses.

The City is combating blight and property maintenance code violations through:

1. Increased Code Enforcement Capacity and increased technology
2. Creation of a Task Force Committee to develop a strategy to increase public awareness, provide a reporting process, and connect foreclosure "at-risk" home owners with resources to keep their home.
3. Working with financial institutions to self report vacant homes to the City.

What you can do to HELP:

1. Report suspected vacant homes:
 - Email City of Watertown at CodeEnforcement@watertown-ny.gov or
 - Call 315-785-7735 or visit the Code Enforcement Department
2. What to include:
 - Your contact information
 - Address of suspect vacant home, and color/description of house.
 - Provide a brief description of the property and reasons it may be vacant.



ARE YOU AT RISK OF FORECLOSURE AND LOSING YOUR HOME?

1. Speak with your bank and/or mortgage company
 - Discuss payment plan options and see if a loan restructure would benefit your situation
 - See if they offer budgeting assistance

2. Seek assistance from state and local agencies

HomeSmartNY

www.hcr.ny.gov/foreclosure-prevention

Neighbors of Watertown

<https://www.neighborsofwatertown.com>

(315) 782-8497

Home Headquarters Syracuse & Central NY

<https://www.homehq.org/>

(315) 474-1939

-Foreclosure Counseling

-Home Buyers Education

3. Speak with a legal representative

Legal Aid Society of Mid NY

www.lasmny.org

(315) 955-6700