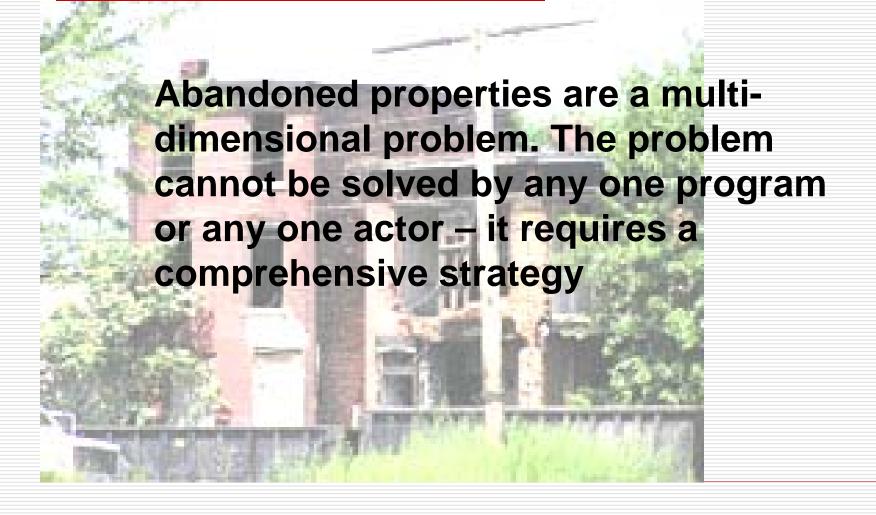
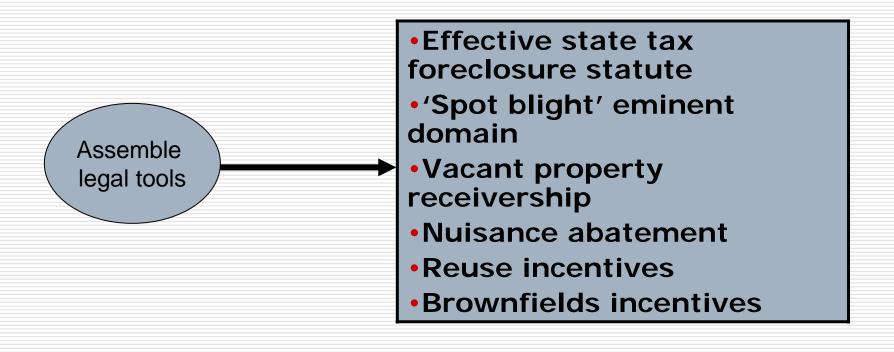
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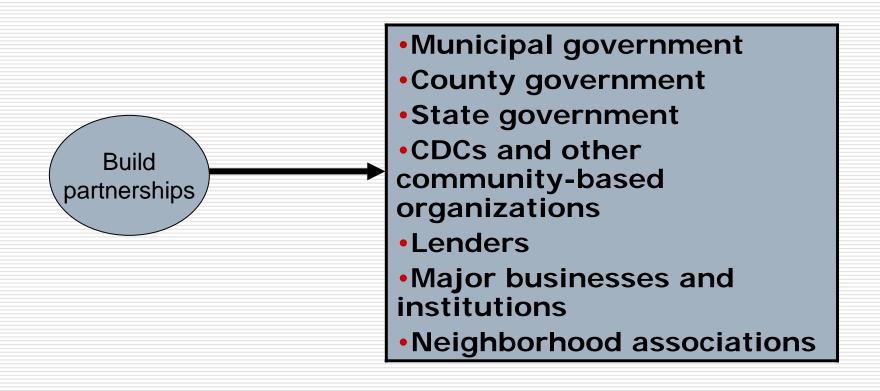


Elements of an abandoned property strategy:

- Creating and using information systems
- Assembling legal tools
- Building partnerships
- Organizing government to make the strategy work
- Targeting resources strategically





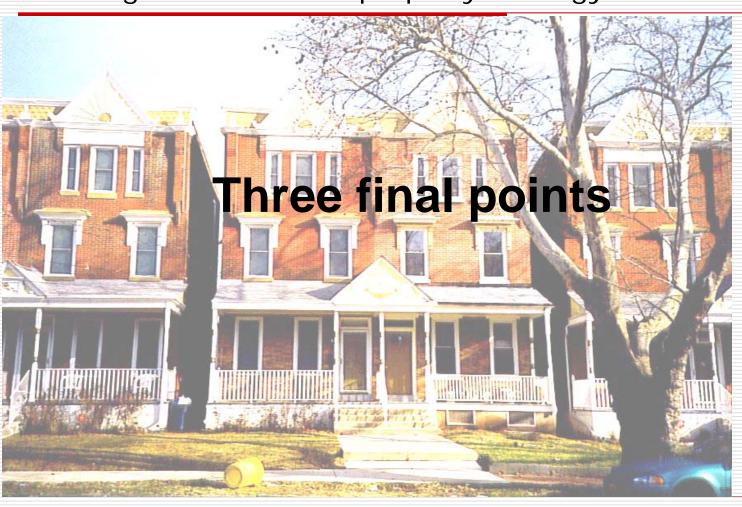


Organize government to make strategy work

- •Clear lines of responsibility for each department or agency
- •Effective system to coordinate vacant property strategy across departments and agencies
- Strategy to prioritize and target areas and sites for acquisition
- Coordinated neighborhood strategies
- •Effective property maintenance system
- Clear, effective property disposition procedures
- User-friendly procedures

Target
Resources
strategically

- Track market conditions and trends
- Design small-scale targeted strategies for intermediate neighborhoods
- Design long-term transformation strategies for distressed areas
- Target financial resources and incentives
- Use code enforcement and other city interventions strategically



 Abandonment didn't happen overnight – it will take a long-term effort to deal with it. No single player –
government, nonprofit,
business – can deal
with the challenge
without the others.

 Without a vision for the city's future, an abandoned property strategy is no more than a holding action.

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