DHCD’s Property Acquisition and Disposition Division (PADD) creates affordable housing opportunities for District residents by reducing the number of vacant and blighted properties.

Overview

PADD has three main functions:

1. encourages property owners to rehabilitate and/or occupy their vacant abandoned and deteriorated residential property;
2. acquires such properties through negotiated friendly sale, eminent domain, donation or tax sale foreclosure when owners are unwilling or unable to maintain them; and
3. disposes of properties in PADD’s inventory by selling them to individuals or developers to rehabilitate into high quality affordable and market-rate single- and/ or multi-family for-sale housing in District neighborhoods.

Results

PADD (including its earlier incarnations, the Homestead and Home Again Programs) has successfully acquired and disposed of hundreds of vacant, abandoned and deteriorated properties in the District and created affordable housing opportunities for District residents. In December 2017, the Vacant to Vibrant DC initiative was launched to the balance of DHCD inventory into vibrant and productive solutions, such as workforce housing and creative green space, and spur economic development.

Which Developers and Property Owners Are Eligible?

Eligibility for developers and non-profits varies by solicitation. Developers and property owners must commit to creating high-quality affordable and mixed income properties that help stabilize the surrounding neighborhood.

How Can You Apply?

DHCD periodically announces the release of solicitations of offers (SFOs) for vacant and blighted properties on its website and through community outreach.

For More Information

Visit https://dhcd.dc.gov/service/transforming-vacant-and-blighted-properties or contact padd.sfo@dc.gov.