



Prioritizing Grid for Vacant and Dilapidated Properties

The following is an adaptation of a grid described by Jim Hunt to interested parties from the Sustainable Communities Program.

Step One: Give a ranking for each criterion under the identified property. One (1) is the best and five (5) is the worst. Higher points usually mean a higher priority, however this could change according to the weight a community would give to the financial benefit the property would bring to a community.

	10 Hill St		5 Elm Street	
Health and Safety				
EPA Evaluation				
Visibility*				
Obsolescence				
Criminal Activity				
Blight concentration**				
Totals				

* Visibility: Is the property, for example, located where many people will see it as on a main street, or entryway into the city?

** Concentration: Are there multiple buildings that could be addressed at the same time which would have both a greater impact as well reduce the cost potential of demolition?

Before finalizing the list, take into consideration the Economic Development Potential of each property, consistency with the community vision and the potential to achieve results in a certain defined amount of time.

See Step Two below.

Step Two: Take 10 worst properties from Step I and then prioritize them according to Economic Development Potential, Consistent with Community Vision, Achievable within a defined time frame (i.e. 18 months), Affordability and Title Complications. Rank them for each category with 1 being the worst and 5, the best.

Properties 1-10

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Economic Development Potential										
Consistent with Vision										
Achievable within 18 months										
Least Complicated Title Issues										
Affordability Of Demolition										
Total										
Grand Total (add scores from both charts)										

Top scorers: