

Findings from Regional Listening Sessions

Attendees were asked to "List 5 issues currently stalling the revitalization of dilapidated properties".

Participating communities included Fairmont, Kenova, Middleway Point Pleasant, Ronceverte, Shinnston, Weston and Wheeling

Role/Position	Funding	Absentee Landowners	"Slum" Landowners	Fire Damages Buildings	Historical Design Review
Not-Specified	1	1	1	1	
Council Member	1			1	1
Owner	1				
Historic Properties Commission			1	1	
Mayor	1	1	1		1
Concerned Citizen	1			1	1
Property Owner	1				
Not-Specified		1			
Other City/County Employee	1				
Other City/County Employee	1				
Building Inspector or Code Enforcement	1				
Other Non-Profit Organization	1				1
Property Owner					
Other City/County Employee	1				1
Property Owner					
Other Non-Profit Organization					
Other Non-Profit Organization	1				1
Not-Specified					
Property Owner	1				
Other Non-Profit Organization	1	1			
Not-Specified		1			
Not-Specified	1				
Not-Specified	1	1			
Police					
Building Inspector or Code Enforcement					
Council Member					
Building Inspector or Code Enforcement	1				
Not-Specified	1				
City Manager	1	1			
Building Inspector or Code Enforcement	1	1	1		
Police Chief	1				
Mayor	1	1	1		
City Attorney	1	1	1		
	Funding	Absentee Landowners	"Slum" Landowners	Fire Damages Buildings	Historical Design Review
Totals	23	10	6	4	6

Lack of ordinances to address problem/legal authority	Problems with Title	Lack of awareness/vision	Lack of Pride of Ownership	Safety/Criminal Activity	Enforcement/Court Issues	Tax
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8	5	3	3	8	11	4

Other
Lax Landlords; Multi-dwellings that should be single family
Major properties owned by nonprofits
Time; Aged citizens
Community Relations; emotional ties to structures
Personnel deficiencies; Community relations
Enforcement - need more flexibility in penalties/lessen time process
Out-of-state Owners - need enforcement tools for out-of-state owners
Time; Community Interest
Continuity - communities should adopt uniform codes
Not having correct information
Meth labs; Liens
Meth labs
Meth labs
Other