



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Frank G. Jackson

FAQs About Demolitions in the City of Cleveland

The City of Cleveland - thanks in large part to funds made possible by Issue 32 - has undertaken an important goal of razing or securing contracts for the demolition of 500 structures by the end of 2017. Mayor Frank G. Jackson has continually demonstrated his commitment to keeping Cleveland neighborhoods safe by clearing them of blighted homes. Learn more about our efforts below.

Q1 How many structures has the City of Cleveland razed so far in 2017?

A1 In 2017, the city Building & Housing Department has razed 430 structures overall - with 172 structures already on contract. The demolition count is based on structures razed. Specifically, apartment buildings, garages and houses are each individually counted as one structure.

Q2 What is the Safe Routes to School Program? How many homes on Safe Routes have been demolished?

A2 The Safe Routes to School program was announced in a press conference by Mayor Jackson, City Hall staff and other community leaders. The intent of the program is to identify and demolish vacant structures located within 500 feet of schools.

When Safe Routes to School was announced, the city Department of Building and Housing took the inventory of properties already approved for demolition and produced a list of 500 properties that were within 500 feet of a safe route to school, for CMSD, K-8 schools. Of that list of 500 properties, the commitment was to have 500 structures on contract by the end of 2017. With additional funding, it has been increased to 1000 feet of a safe walking route to school.

Q3 What is the status of demolitions using Safe Routes funding?

A3 Of the properties razed using Safe Routes funding, 156 structures have been demolished and there are 115 structures on contract. We have another 34 that are in the bidding process and 102 structures awaiting asbestos surveys. This is a total of 407 structures the city is actively working on for demolition.

Q4

Are other agencies aiding with demolitions?

A4

Of the original 500 properties slated for demolition, 108 have transferred or will transfer to Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation, also known as the County Land Bank. When the city determines that a property will transfer or has transferred to the County Land Bank, it does not proceed with the demolition as the County Land Bank coordinates the demolition on their own.

Because of this relationship with the Land Bank, more than the original 500 targeted properties will ultimately be demolished. Of the 108 properties that have transferred or will transfer to the County Land Bank, 46 have been razed. The end result is the same no matter which agency demolishes the structures - nuisance, vacant homes are removed from our neighborhoods.

Q5

How will the City of Cleveland meet its goal?

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Though each week there more properties are condemned and move through our legal review process that are added to the Safe Routes to School Demolition Program, we still have two months to go in the year and it is our projection that we will have 500 structures on contract before the end of the year.