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Volunteers Needed: _____ BAD Buildings Team Conducting Community Inventory and Planning

The _____ BAD Buildings Team, a group of local volunteers, elected officials, and business and property owners, are conducting a community-wide survey to find potentially abandoned, dilapidated, or vacant properties. These properties can pose health and safety hazards, negatively impact community morale, and reduce adjacent property values and tax revenues. Surveying will be completed throughout the next few months.

The survey and the work of the Team is supported by assistance through the WVU BAD Buildings program at the Brownfields Assistance Center at WVU. The WVU BAD (Brownfields, Abandoned, Dilapidated) Buildings Program is designed to help communities address barriers to the reuse and redevelopment of abandoned and dilapidated buildings. Program resources are provided to communities at no cost.

The ultimate goal of the local BAD Buildings Team is to work with property owners to return abandoned and underutilized properties to productive, positive uses that will benefit the entire community. These uses may include a variety of possibilities, such as new families moving into renovated homes, new businesses occupying underutilized commercial spaces, or new parks and gardens in residential neighborhoods.

Additional information about WVUBAD Buildings can be found at badbuildings.wvu.edu, or by contacting program staff at (304) 293-7002. The _____ BAD Buildings Team can be reached by contacting _____ at _____.