WVU BAD Buildings FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Below are some answers to commonly asked questions about the Brownfield, Abandoned Dilapidated (BAD) Buildings process...

What is the BAD Buildings Program?

The WVU BAD (Brownfields, Abandoned, Dilapidated) Buildings program provides technical assistance, research, and other resources to communities to address abandoned and dilapidated properties. The program uses a step-by-step community-based and volunteer-led approach to develop or enhance local revitalization efforts. We help communities access site analysis tools and resources needed to transform dilapidated properties into vibrant community assets.

What are BAD Buildings?

'BAD' is an acronym, meaning brownfield, abandoned, and dilapidated. Brownfields are properties whose redevelopment or reuse may be complicated by the potential presence of harmful environmental contaminants (lead-based paint, petroleum, heavy industry, commercial uses). The terms abandoned and dilapidated refer to vacant and/or neglected properties that are blighted or in disrepair.

Why address 'BAD' Buildings?

In addition to being eyesores for community residents, BAD Buildings pose a number of threats and hazards to the community. Their presence can hinder economic development and investment; constrains municipal revenue and budgets; and can result in health and safety hazards via falling structures, lead-based paint, or other potential contaminants.

Is there funding available through the program?

The BAD Buildings program is a technical assistance and capacity building program. Therefore, no *direct* funding is available. This program uses community engagement to bring together a diverse array of community stakeholders to create an inventory of brownfield, abandoned, and dilapidated properties. Once an inventory is created, we can assist with locating potential funding resources based on specific community needs.

What is the cost of the program?

Free! All of the resources provided through the BAD Buildings program are of no cost to the participating community!

How do I get started?

If your community is interested in the BAD Buildings Program, contact us at the information listed below! We can provide an informational program overview, educational materials, and tips/tricks on building a team to get started!

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