## Mohawk Valley Brownfields Developer Summit



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## **Erasing Barriers**

### Site Access

## Article 19-A and 19-B

# Taking Title to Abandoned Property

#### CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED BY

#### STEWART TITLE

 Title No.
 : FN-10500-NY

 Premises
 : 110 Williams Street, New York, NY 10038

 Reference
 : 110 William, LLC

Stewart Title Insurance Company certifies to the proposed insured named in Schedule A that an examination of title to the premises described in Schedule A has been made in accordance with its usual procedure and agrees to issue its standard form of title insurance policy in favor of the proposed insured, covering premises described in Schedule A, in the amounts hereinafter set forth, insuring the fee and / or mortgage and the marketability thereof, after the closing of the transaction in conformance with procedures approved by the Company excepting (a) all loss or damage by reason of the estates, interests, defects, objections, liens, encumbrances and other matters set forth herein that are not disposed of to the satisfaction of the Company prior to such closing or issuance of the policy (b) any question or objection coming to the attention of the Company before the date of closing, or if there be no closing, before the issuance of said policy.

This Certificate shall be null and void (1) if the fees therefore are not paid (2) if the prospective insured, his attorney or agent makes any untrue statement with respect to any material fact or suppresses or fails to disclose any material fact or if any untrue answers are given to material in inquiries by or on behalf of the Company (3) upon delivery of the policy. Any claim arising by reason of the issuance hereof shall be restricted to the terms and conditions of the standard form of insurance policy. If title, interest or lien to be insured was acquired by the prospective insured prior to delivery hereof, the Company assumes no liability except under its policy when issued.

STEWART TITLE

Countersigned:

First Nationwide Title Agency LLC 220 East 42nd Street, Suite 3105 New York, NY 10017

Tel: 212-499-0100 Fax: 212-499-0600 Taking Title to Abandoned Properties Using RPAPL

## Title Search

Current Owner Mortgages/Liens/Judgments Back Taxes Easements/Agreements

#### Site Access

#### SPECIAL PROCEEDING TO CONVEY TITLE TO ABANDONED DWELLING TO CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE

<u>1970 - Applicability.</u>
<u>1971 - Certification of</u> <u>abandonment.</u>
<u>1971-A - Destruction of</u> <u>abandoned dwellings.</u>
<u>1972 - Notice.</u>
<u>1973 - Commencement of</u> <u>proceeding.</u>
<u>1974 - Decision and judgment</u> <u>of court.</u> NYS Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law

Article 19-A

Article 19B Expansion to Commercial and Industrial Properties (b) In the case of a vacant commercial or industrial real property, it is not sealed or continuously guarded as required by law or it was sealed or is continuously guarded by a person other than the owner, a mortgagee, lienor or agent thereof, and either of the following facts exists:

(i) A vacate order of the department or other governmental agency currently prohibits occupancy of the commercial or industrial real property; or

(ii) The tax on such premises has been due and unpaid for a period of at least one year; or

(iii) The property has had a zoning, building or property maintenance code violation that has the potential to injure or endanger the health and safety of others or to unreasonably annoy others and that has been continuously outstanding and not remediated for a period of at least 1 year from date the original order to correct or notice of violation was served upon the property owner pursuant to the CPLR



Additional Measures to Access Sites

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FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT!



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