

**West Virginia
Department of Environmental Protection**



Dilapidated and Abandoned Properties Program (DLAP)

**Funding and Candidate Selection Process
2021 to 2022**

Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program

The logo for the Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) features the word "REAP" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters are colored in a gradient from dark green on the left to a golden-brown on the right. A white, stylized wave or swoosh graphic curves across the middle of the letters, starting under the 'R' and ending under the 'P'.

Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan

It is the mission of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program to assist county commissions and municipalities in their efforts to remediate abandoned and dilapidated structures as set forth in §22-15A-30 of the A. James Manchin Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP).

2021 Senate Bill 368

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2021 REGULAR SESSION Senate Bill 368

BY SENATORS SWOPE, STOLLINGS, PLYMALE, PHILLIPS, WOELFEL, SMITH, BALDWIN, AND JEFFRIES [Passed April 10, 2021; to take effect July 1, 2021]

- A. **To assist county commissions or municipalities** in their efforts to remediate abandoned and dilapidated structures.
- B. There is created in the State Treasury a **special revenue** fund known as the Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program Fund.
- C. The fund may be used **solely to assist county commissions or municipalities in remediating abandoned and dilapidated structures** in their communities by demolishing or deconstructing them...
- D. The **Department of Environmental Protection** may:
 - a. promulgate rules to govern the disbursement of money from the fund
 - b. establish the Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program
 - c. direct the distribution of money from the fund, and establish criteria for eligibility to receive money from the fund.

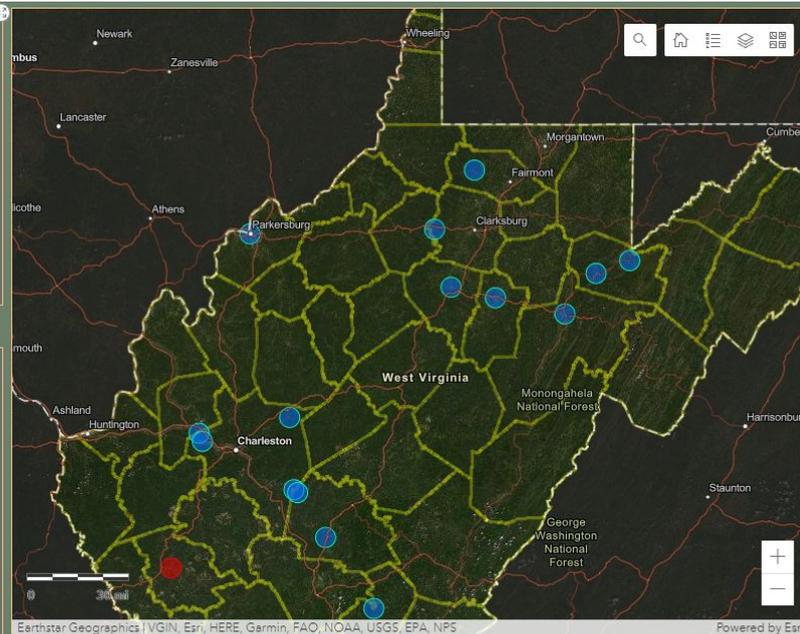
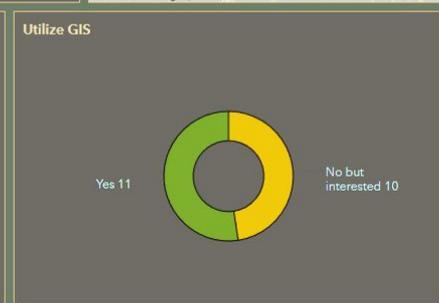
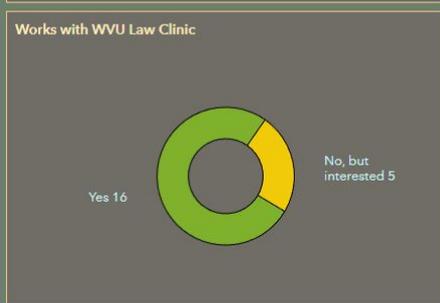


Initial Steps of WVDEP's new program

- 1) Research and Outreach
 - a) Developed County and Municipality contact list.
 - b) Reviewed educational information and reached out to WV Bad Building Program, WVU Law Clinic, WV Land Stewardship Corporation and others.
- 2) Emailed a survey to >200 Municipalities and Counties
- 3) Out of 81 Respondents, 19 Municipalities and 9 Counties reported that they had a dilapidated structure program.
- 4) A more detailed follow up questionnaire was developed to identify which of the top candidates should be eligible for the program's first round of funding.
- 5) From the follow-up questionnaire, 21 candidates were recommended for funding eligibility.



Data Driven Candidate Selection Process



WVDEP DLAP Pilot Project Candidates

Dashboard ID: 21	Bluefield Commercial: \$ 1,750,000.00 Residential: \$3,360,000.00
Dashboard ID: 20	Buckhannon Commercial: \$ 0.00 Residential: \$100,000.00
Dashboard ID: 10	Clendenin Commercial: \$ 90,000.00 Residential: \$372,000.00
Dashboard ID: 18	Elkins Commercial: \$ 650,000.00 Residential: \$300,000.00
Dashboard ID: 3	Hinton Commercial: \$ 66,000.00 Residential: \$104,500.00
Dashboard ID: 2	Logan County Commission Commercial: \$ 90,000.00 Residential: \$1,500,000.00
Dashboard ID: 28	Mannington Commercial: \$ 225,000.00 Residential: \$300,000.00
Dashboard ID: 16	McDowell County Commission

Candidates | Parcels

Total for All Structures
27.3M

Give
9.3M

% of Total
1.5k

Number of Candidates
21

Commercial Structures
221

Residential Structures
2,579

Pilot Grant Recipients Received Up to...

Bluefield: \$1,500,000.00

Buckhannon: \$100,000.00

Clendenin: \$150,000.00

Elkins: \$300,000.00

Hinton: \$170,500.00

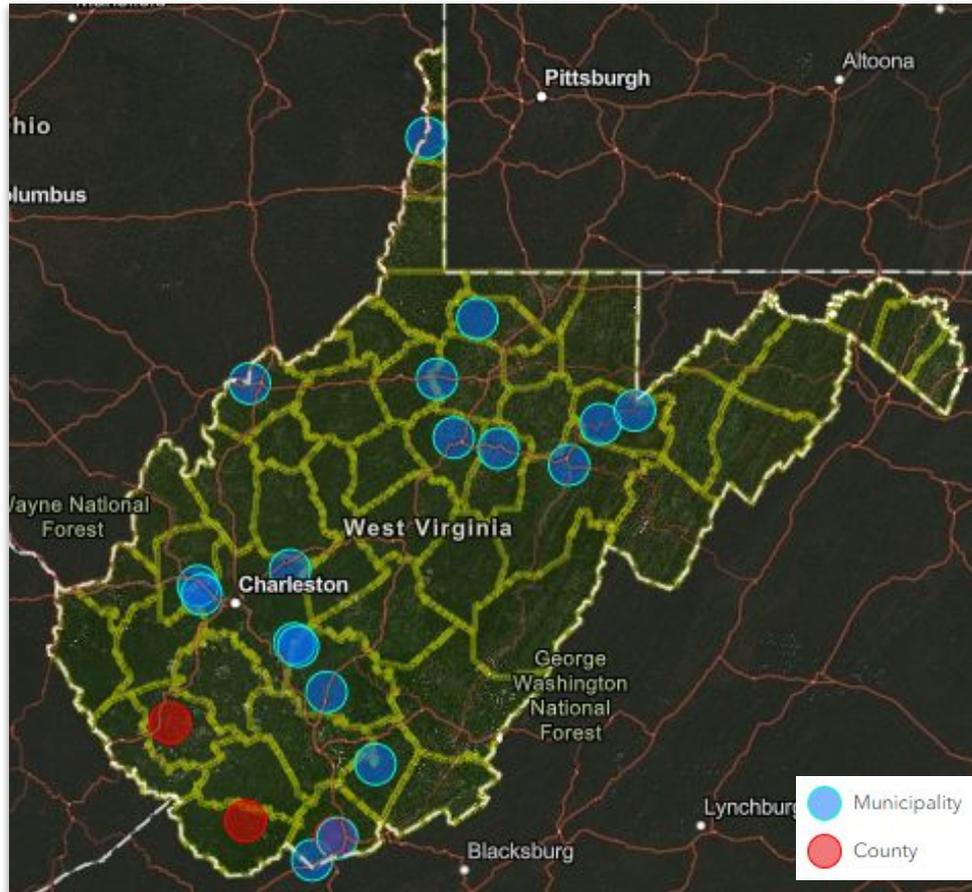
Logan County Commission:
\$1,500,000.00

Mannington: \$175,000.00

McDowell County Commission:
\$500,000.00

Mercer County Commission:
\$1,500,000.00

Montgomery: \$150,000.00



Nitro: \$350,000.00

Oak Hill: \$143,000.00

Parkersburg: \$650,000.00

Parsons: \$110,000.00

Princeton: \$275,000.00

Salem: \$104,000.00

Smithers: \$224,000.00

St. Albans: \$540,000.00

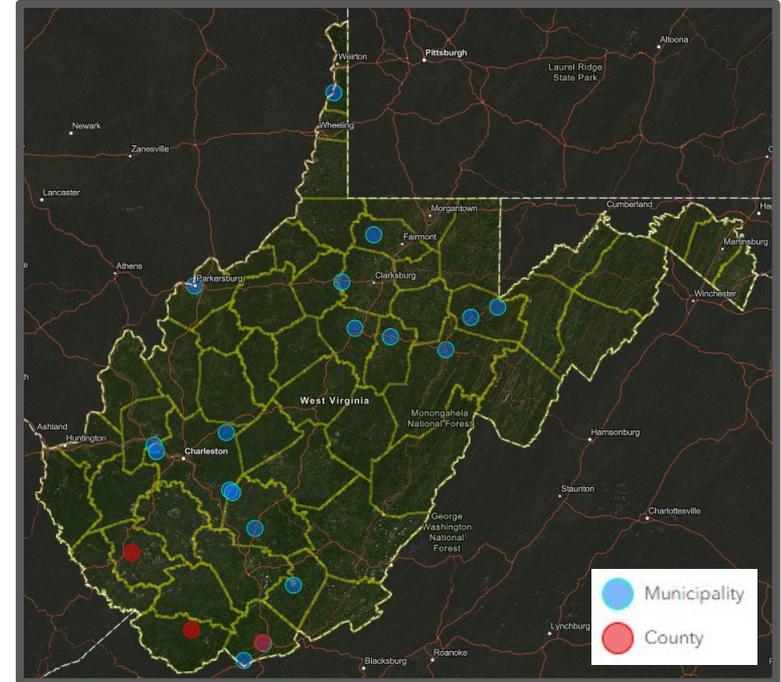
Thomas: \$245,000.00

Wellsburg: \$290,000.00

Weston: \$300,000.00

Pilot Grant Recipient Statistics

- 21 candidates were recommended for \$10 Million in federal ARPA funds allocated by WV Governor Jim Justice
- 18 municipalities and 3 counties
- 18 out of 21 candidates are located within a Justice 40 disadvantaged community
- 12 out of 21 candidates will have 100% of their identified properties demolished
- A total of 221 commercial structures were identified
- A total of 2,579 residential structures were identified
- \$9.3 million is being recommended for allocation
- \$27.3 million would be needed to fully fund demolition for all of the structures identified by the candidates being recommended.



July 13, 2022 Initial Pilot Funding Preparation

WVDEP invited all 21 candidates to attend a grant packet workshop



Applications due August 15, 2022



Gov. Justice announces new program as dilapidated Matoaka house demolished

By GREG JORDAN Bluefield Daily Telegraph Sep 30, 2022



In the News

NEWS

Weston receives federal grant to remove 10 dilapidated houses

by: [Heather Hale](#)

Posted: Oct 6, 2022 / 06:58 PM EDT

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Ready Set Demo: Gov. Justice, WVDEP announce 21 communities to receive over \$9.2 million to remove abandoned and dilapidated structures

 by [Tyler Barker](#) — Friday, September 30, 2022 5:21 pm

DEP Kicks Off Program To Remove Abandoned Structures

West Virginia Public Broadcasting | By [Shepherd Snyder](#)

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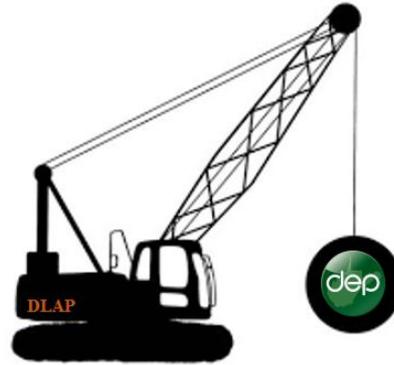


More Dilapidated Properties Coming Down in St. Albans Thanks To \$560,000 WV DEP Grant

 August 19, 2022  1:28 pm  Community, News, Press Release



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