



**Hazle Township Land Bank
Hazle Township Commons
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2025 Annual Report

The Hazle Township Land Bank is pleased to present its inaugural Annual Report, marking the establishment of the organization and the foundational work completed during its first months of operation. Although formed late in the calendar year, the Land Bank made meaningful progress in building the administrative, legal, and policy framework necessary for future property acquisition and revitalization efforts.

Formation & Organizational Development

The Hazle Township Land Bank was formally established in 2025 following authorization by the Hazle Township Board of Supervisors. Initial efforts focused on creating a compliant, functional, and transparent organizational structure. Key accomplishments included:

- **Completion of all required state registrations**, including establishment as a public body corporate and politic under Pennsylvania’s Land Bank Act.
- **Initial organizational meetings** to seat the Board of Directors, elect officers, and outline early priorities.
- **Development of core administrative processes**, including record-keeping systems, meeting procedures, and communication protocols.

These steps created the operational foundation necessary for the Land Bank to begin fulfilling its mission in the coming year.

Bylaws, Policies & Governance Framework

A major focus of the Land Bank’s first months was the creation of governing documents, a budget, and internal controls. Work completed in 2025 included:

- **Drafting and refinement of bylaws** establishing board structure, meeting requirements, voting procedures, and organizational powers.
- **Preparation of key operational policies**, including property acquisition and disposition guidelines, and financial management practices.

This governance work positions the Land Bank to operate responsibly and efficiently as it begins to engage with blighted, vacant, and tax-delinquent properties.

Administrative Setup & Capacity Building

To prepare for future activity, the Land Bank initiated several startup tasks essential for long-term success:

- **Drafting a detailed budget for operations** to ensure responsible financial planning and resource allocation.
- **Establishment of banking and financial accounts** to support fiscal operations.
- **Coordination with Zoning and Code Enforcement** to integrate Land Bank procedures with existing municipal systems.

These early steps ensure that the Land Bank will be ready to act quickly and effectively once properties are identified for acquisition.

Looking Ahead

With its organizational framework now in place, the Hazle Township Land Bank enters 2026 prepared to begin active property evaluation, acquisition planning, and collaboration with local and county partners. The coming year will focus on identifying priority parcels to acquire and return to the tax rolls.

The Board looks forward to building on this year's foundational work and advancing the Land Bank's mission to reduce blight, stabilize neighborhoods, and support long-term community revitalization in Hazle Township.