

# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## **City Donates Property to Holston Habitat for Humanity**

The City of Bristol is pleased to announce that two vacant lots have been acquired with Community Development Block Grant funds. The property then has been donated to the Holston Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

This activity is a direct result of the city's GOAL to initiate a land bank acquisition program with Community Development Block Grant funds, in partnership with the Holston Habitat for Humanity, Inc., to enhance homeownership opportunities and provide affordable housing.

The process for this acquisition is as follows:

- In coordination with the City's Code Enforcement Division, identify vacant property that may be available for affordable housing in order to improve the neighborhood.
- Communicate with the property owner to negotiate a voluntary purchase of land by the City.
- The City then donates the property to the Holston Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
- Habitat works with eligible applicants on lot selection prior to the construction of the house.

As a result, two tracts of land on Hill Street in Bristol, Tennessee were donated to Habitat for the construction of new single-family homes. These properties were cleared as a result of code enforcement efforts and Better Property Board action. These lots are in a block currently undergoing transformation involving renovation, new construction and conversions from multi-family to single family homes.

The City plans to participate in a community build project with Habitat once a family has selected one of the lots which we hope will occur this fall. Construction of a new home on each of these lots will help infuse the neighborhood with additional positive investments.

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