

Absentee-Owned Blighted Properties

These properties across Peach County show:

- Long-term neglect by out-of-county and out-of-state owners
- Public safety hazards and neighborhood decline
- Strain on Code Enforcement and county resources
- Lost tax revenue and reduced property values
- A need to have a Land Bank as a tool for code enforcement to help bring dignity, and property values back for these neighborhoods along with meaningful development.



Owner
Anchorage Alaska



Owner
Macon, GA
Purchased in tax sale



**Owner
Kathleen, GA**



**Owner
New Jersey**



**Owner
Rome, GA**



Owner
Stockbridge, GA



Owner
Barnesville, GA



**Owner
Lawrenceville, GA**

**Estate is tied up in probate, Marshal
cannot get in touch with attorney
of record, (no longer with the firm)**

Conclusion: A Land Bank Gets Back Local Control, and Local Ownership

These photos demonstrate years of deterioration under absentee ownership.

A Land Bank allows Peach County to:

- Capture and rehabilitate long-abandoned properties
- Prevent speculative rental conversion
- Strengthen the blight ordinance and blight tax
- Ensure revitalization supports residents, not out-of-town speculators, LLCs, Corporate buyers, and Landlords.
- Builds wealth within community vs. siphoned out of it.