

## Castlewood Neighborhood Focus of Revitalization Program

Harrison Township recently announced it is partnering with the Montgomery County Land Bank in a program to revitalize the Castlewood neighborhood. The Land Bank's Thriving Neighborhood Initiative aims to

- Strengthen and stabilize the neighborhood
- Increase home values and market confidence in the neighborhood
- Encourage investment by homeowners
- Improve quality of life and neighborhood pride

### Land Bank will provide \$250,000

This will be matched by the Township over five years. The \$500,000 investment in the neighborhood will pay for the purchase, rehab and resale of a number of homes, removal of dilapidated properties and other improvements.

“This is a great opportunity to set the Castlewood neighborhood on a new, positive course,” said Township Administrator Kris McClintick. “The Township will also accelerate progress by investing in infrastructure projects.”



*The Castlewood neighborhood is bordered by North Main Street to the east, Riverside Drive to the west, East Nottingham Road to the north and Redwood Avenue to the south.*

### Chosen from among several candidates

The neighborhood was chosen for the diversity of its housing types and sizes, owner-occupancy of most properties, an active neighborhood association and proximity to the Forest Park redevelopment site. More details will be announced in the coming months.

Harrison Township has enjoyed a successful relationship with the Land Bank since 2014. The agency was able to provide funds through a State program for the demolition of 86 abandoned, tax-delinquent properties in the community over the past six years.