Liberty’s Initiative for Community Housing

Liberty County Junior Year Briefing
Our Mission

“We aim to strengthen our community through collaboration to promote safe, affordable, and sanitary housing for all.”
Building The Team - “The Beginning”

- We were constituted as a “County Wide Team”
- The Elected Officials of the County – County and Municipalities – appointed over 35 individuals to the “GICH” committee
- At the first “GICH” meeting less than half of the committee members were in attendance
- At the second “GICH” meeting less than half of the first half of the committee members were in attendance
- The remaining members decided to search and recruit members to serve on the “GICH committee that THEY thought would serve best on the team
- Recruitment is a never ending task
- From that point forward the committee grew and developed into a group that worked together
Team Work

• County and Cities determined what their roles were – it was not in competition with each other but in support. One group may not have the resources or knowledge to do something but someone else does. It became resource bank, where the small could benefit from all.

• Various Cities formed their own sub-GICH teams

• The group as a whole decided to tackle issues that the entire County faced as a whole:
  ▫ Heirs Property
  ▫ Lack of Education – Home Ownership, Steps to purchase a home
  ▫ Financial Planning towards Home Ownership

• By doing the Heirs Property training, Education and Financial Planning as GICH, it then freed the municipalities to focus on their own projects with the assistance from the groups combined resources and knowledge.
HEIRS PROPERTY INFORMATION WORKSHOP

Addressing Heir Property Barriers

Saturday, June 10, 2017
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
East End Community Complex
9397 E. Oglethorpe Highway, Midway, Georgia 31320

WORKSHOP TOPICS

- PROPERTY TITLES
- WILLS
- PROPERTY TAXES
- HOW ARE TAXES ASSESSED
- DEED SEARCHES
- HEIRS DETERMINATION
- TAX EXEMPTIONS

Presentations By:

*Georgia Heirs Property Law Center
*Liberty County Tax Assessors
*Liberty County Tax Commissioner
*Probate Court of Liberty County
* Doug Craig, Title Abstractor

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Housing Summit

- March 22, 2016
- Information Booths
- Special Break-out sessions
  - Homeownership
  - Georgia Dream
  - Money Management /Credit Counseling
  - Home Inspection
Riceboro - House Tear Down
406 Sandy Run Road

Before

During

During

After
Walthourville Efforts

Blight

• The City of Walthourville is engaged in an ongoing effort to eradicate blight, our police department is involved, all officers report blight properties while on duty. The city has a designated Code Enforcement Officer- Sgt. Jerald Burgess.
Walthourville Efforts

Former Trailer Park

• Dilapidated Trailers have been removed, land is clear and preparing for homes to be built.
Midway Efforts

- Live Oak Villas
  - Beginning
  - 64 unit’s
  - CDBG/Chip Grant
Live Oak Villas LIHTC
QUESTIONS?