

Introduction:

Rebuild Indy is a massive project the City is pursuing the demolition of abandoned houses as a solution to this major problem. We have those in the community with strong preferences for preservation and those who want to see houses removed as fast as possible. Not every house and every block have the same solution, and we want Mapleton-Fall Creek to have input on what is best for our community. We believe strategic demo or rehab is called for, we shouldn't just demo the houses because the owners won't defend them. Therefore, we've tried to design an open process to capture where general consensus would fall because Rebuild Indy is a great opportunity to address blighted properties in the neighborhood that contribute to crime in the community,

Goal:

To prepare a letter to be directed to DMD and the Mayor's office from MFCDC (and all supportive Neighborhood Associations) indicating which properties on the Rebuild Indy List has neighborhood support to be in one of the following categories:

- 1) Fast track the property as a demo project;
- 2) Drop a property from the demo list; or
- 3) Which properties are not on the Rebuild Indy List but should be considered.

We plan to be conservative with the 'demo fast track' option, and will honor all reasonable resident requests that a property be dropped from the demo list. Only in situations where a majority of neighbors disagree with that assessment, and there is direct negative impact due to the vacant property, will we keep a property on the Rebuild Indy List after someone requests that it be dropped.

Process:

We propose that we advertise the Rebuild Indy List with our initial recommendations to each of the neighborhood associations by October 14th. We will offer a public comment period until October 25th (allowing two full weekends). Once this feedback is compiled, we will distribute the revised list and submit the list to those in charge of Rebuild Indy. All Neighborhood Association leaders may sign the letter in support as well.

If you care to assist with the assessment process, have questions, or would like to recommend actions on property, please contact the following:

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