

Borough of Roselle

Vacant and Abandoned Properties
Action Plan
Municipal Case Study

Community Snapshot

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County**	Union
Population*	21,085
Land Area*	2.664 Square Miles
Median Family Income*	\$56,026
Number of Residential Units*	7939
Number of Single Family Units*	4404
Number of Rental Units*	3003
Number of Vacant Units*	532
Number of Tax Parcels**	5954
Number of Foreclosures**	686

*Sources: 2010 US Census Data

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Identifying the Problem

- ❑ 2008 Housing Market Downturn
- ❑ 2010 Census Information on Vacant Units
- ❑ Increased Number of Vacant Property Issues and Quality of Life issues from Code Enforcement and Health Dept.

2011 Borough of Roselle passed Ordinance #2398-11:
Creating a Vacant Residential Property Registration

Vacant and Abandoned Property Action Plan

January 2012: Hiring of Information System Consultant

- Reviewed internal systems for dealing with Vacant and Abandoned Property
- Address Based Information System

June 2012: Quality of Life Team Formed

- Code Enforcement
- Health
- Administration
- Consultant

1st Project: Develop a System for Managing Vacant Property

Design and Implementation

Amending Vacant Property Registration Ordinance

- Stronger Property Maintenance Section
- Establishing a Public Officer
- Abandoned Property List

Vacant Property Inventory

- Initial list of 163
- Vacant Property Occupancy Inspections

Registration Notification Process

- Created Mailing labels from Mod IV information
- Cover letter and Registration Form
- Letters sent regular mail; returned letters sent certified mail

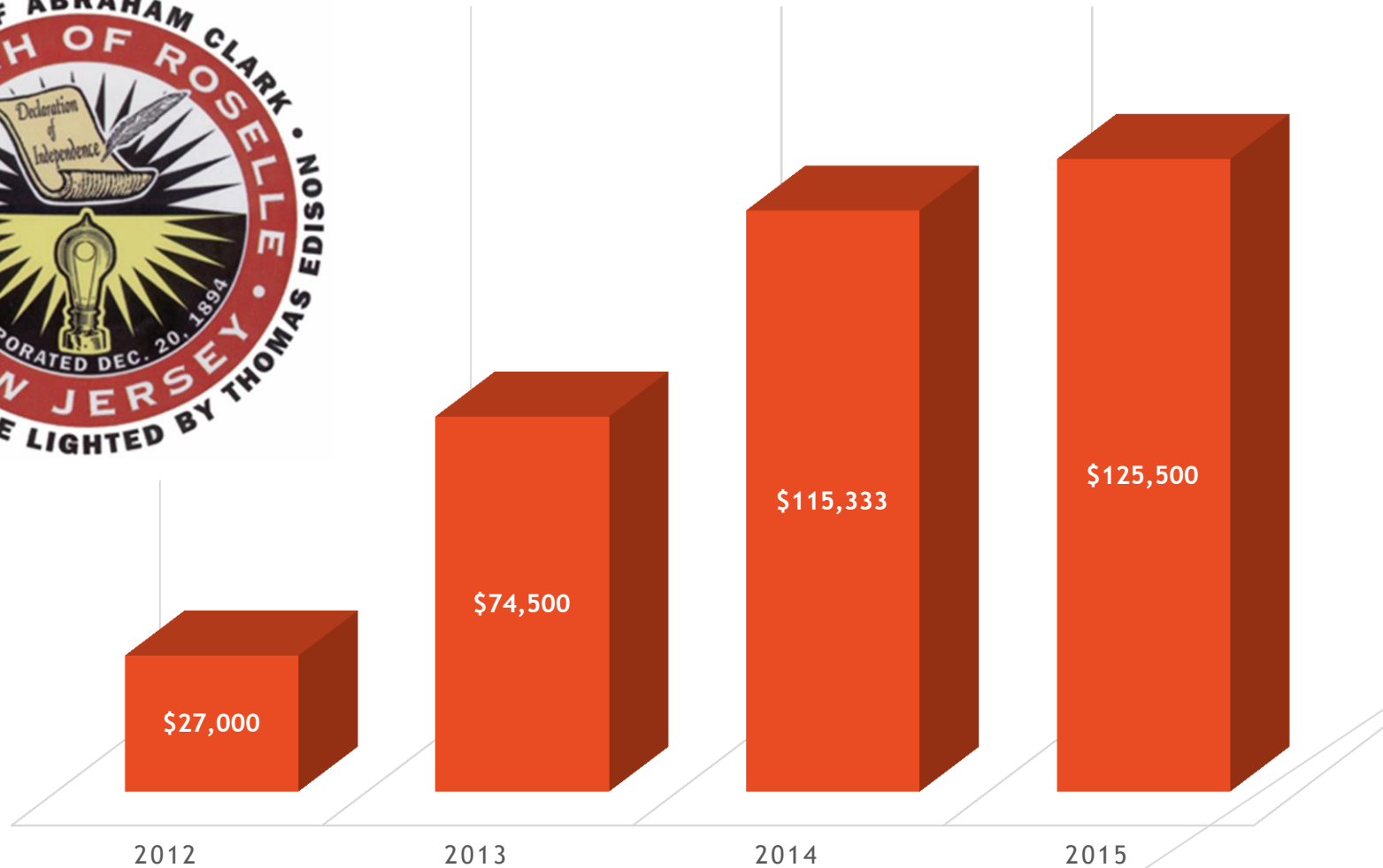
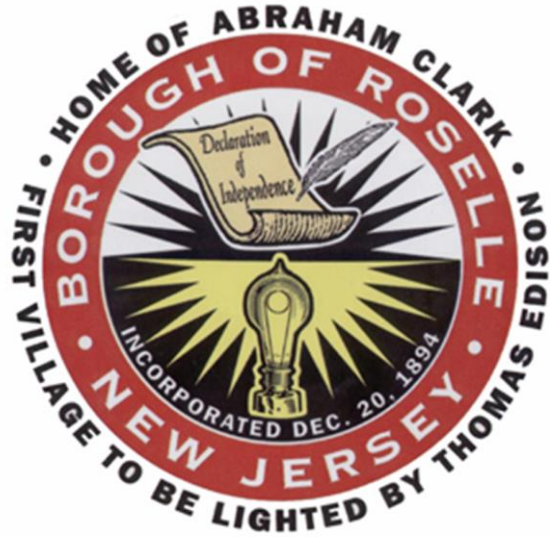
Vacant and Abandoned Property Database System

Roselle Connect: Powered by Public Stuff

- Code Enforcement Activities
- Mapping of Vacant Properties
- Data Filtering Capabilities
- Vacant Property Master Request
- Vacant Property Registration Request

Honorable Mention at NJ League of Municipality

Registration Fee Collection



Proactive Code Enforcement

Increasing Code Enforcement Staff

- 3 full-time employees and 2 part-time inspector
- 1 person devoted to code enforcement issues dealing with vacant properties
- Revenue calculation used justify expanding Code Enforcement

Property Data Information

- County Records
- Municipal Resources
- Skip Tracing

Vacancy Prevention

- Home Affordability Refinancing Program
- Foreclosure Prevention Team

Community Development

Strategic linking vacant and abandoned properties to redevelopment initiatives

- Redevelopment Plans
- Rehabilitation Areas
- Demolition

Identifying resources for rehabilitation

- Premiere CDC
- Rose Homes

Next Steps

- Abandoned Property List
- Roselle First CDC
- Live Where You Work Program
- Community Reinvestment Act
- Community Development Partnerships
- State Legislation