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Shelby County Land Bank Has New App for Smartphones and Tablets

It's now more convenient to buy delinquent tax properties owned by Shelby County Government. The Shelby County Land Bank has launched a free App for smartphones and tablets.

"One click links you to approximately 4,000 properties listed for sale. The App also contains For-Sale lists, maps, and sales documents. It allows you to schedule appointments and get directions to our office," said Dawn Kinard, Administrator of the Shelby County Land Bank.

The App, **SHELBY COUNTY LAND BANK**, is available on the Android Play and Apple iTunes markets. The Land Bank can also be accessed online at www.shelbycountyttn.gov, the Shelby County Government website.

"When property owners don't pay their property taxes, the property ends up being lost through tax sales. The County often becomes the new property owner. It's vital we sell these properties as soon as possible. The County spent approximately \$1.2 million last fiscal year to mow grass, remove litter and keep houses and buildings secured," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

The County, through the Shelby County Land Bank, can also donate properties to qualified non-profit agencies registered with the State of Tennessee. Faith-based organizations and neighborhood groups often use the donated vacant lots for gardens and community development purposes.

During the past five years, the Shelby County Land Bank has generated approximately \$16 million in sales, a 320% increase from the previous five-year period. **"Returning revenue to the tax roll is our top priority. This new App will also reduce paper and office supply expenses"** added Ms. Kinard.

For more information about the Shelby County Land Bank, call Dawn Kinard at (901) 222-2575.

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