

The Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) was created in 2015 to eliminate blighted conditions upon certain derelict properties that individually and collectively constitute a blight and nuisance in County neighborhoods. The Committee is comprised of 5 members.

Municipalities refer subject properties to the Committee who work with property owners to voluntarily remove blight. If conditions are not removed, the Committee can certify the property as blighted and submit it to the Berks County Redevelopment Authority (BCRA). The Redevelopment Authority can acquire such properties through the power of eminent domain and then hold, clear, manage, or dispose of such properties for reuse.

The following indicates the properties referred to the Committee and the outcomes.

	Municipality/Address	Result	Received
#1	Cumru Twp. – 613 Church St.	Property purchased by private individual, building demolished for construction of new house.	5-21-15
#2	Wyomissing Boro. – 523 Greenwich St.	Property purchased by BCRA, building demolished, vacant lot sold to nonprofit for construction of new house.	8-18-15
#3	Heidelberg Twp. – 260 Tulpehocken Forge Rd.	Property purchased by BCRA, building demolished, vacant lot sold to neighbor.	8-25-15
#4	Lower Alsace Twp. – 1038 Friedensburg Rd.	Property purchased by private individual for rehabilitation.	9-8-15
#5	West Reading Boro. - 417 Franklin St.	Property purchased by private individual for rehabilitation.	1-6-16
#6	Maidencreek Twp. – 115 Grove Rd.	Property purchased by BCRA, building demolished, vacant lot sold to nonprofit for construction of new house.	3-14-16
#7	Cumru Twp. – 140/144 Broad St.	Property purchased by BCRA, building demolished, vacant lot sold to nonprofit for construction of new house.	5-24-16
#8	Mt. Penn Boro. - 2411 Filbert Ave.	Property rehabilitated and removed from blight.	9-27-16
#9	Mt. Penn Boro. - 24 N. 23 rd St.	Property purchased by private individual for rehabilitation.	9-30-16
#10	Wyomissing Boro. – 807 Holland Sq.	Property purchased by private individual for rehabilitation.	12-12-16
#11	Wyomissing Boro. – 136 Park Rd.	Property purchased by private individual for rehabilitation.	2-16-17
#12	Wernersville Boro. – 127 Gaul Road	Owners corrected code violations at property.	5-15-18
#13	Cumru Twp. – 113 Gerald Ave.	Property purchased by private individual for rehabilitation.	5-18-18

#14	Cumru Twp. – 150 Hartman Lane	Property was sold to private individual for rehabilitation.	5-18-18
#15	Mt. Penn Borough – 1951 Woodvale Ave.	Property purchased by BCRA, rehabilitated and sold.	2-11-19
#16	Birdsboro Borough – 203 Cinder St.	Property purchased by BCRA, rehabilitated and sold.	4-12-19
#17	Spring Twp. – 2438 McKinley Ave.	Purchased by BCRA, demolished, rebuilt and sold.	7-16-19
#18	Lower Heidelberg Twp. – 333 N. Church Rd.	Purchased by BCRA, demolished and sold to adjacent property owner.	10-20-19
#19	Maidencreek Twp. – 59 W. Bertolet Place	Purchased by BCRA, demolished and sold.	4-10-21
#20	Mt. Penn Borough – 1953 Fairview St.	Property sold at tax sale 4/24.	8-4-21
#21	Cumru Twp. – 711 Grove Ave.	Property was sold at Free & Clear Tax Sale, new owner demolished and building permits were issued to rebuild.	9-21-21
#22	Cumru Twp. – 463 Kenny Drive	Rehabilitated by owner and removed from blight.	9-24-21
#23	Cumru Twp. - 803 Fritz Ave.	Property was sold to private individual and rehabilitated.	9-27-21
#24	Hamburg Boro. – 727 State St.	Certification Hearing held 1/28/25	5-10-23
#25	Hamburg Boro. – 708 Chew St.	Certification Hearing held 5/20/25	6-2-23
#26	Mt. Penn Boro. – 264 Friedensburg Rd.	Property was sold to private individual for rehabilitation.	6-22-22
#27	Mt. Penn Boro. – 11 N. 25 th St.	Rehabilitated by owner.	6-23-22
#28	Wyomissing Boro. – 1554 Penn Ave.	Property sold, new owner will rehabilitate.	8-3-23

#29	Kutztown Boro. – 103/105 E. Main St.	Property certified over to BCRA.	10-3-23
#30	Mt. Penn Boro. – 2319 Fairview Ave.	Property sold to private individual for rehabilitation.	10-26-23
#31	68 Hemlock Road – Cumru Twp.	Owner cleaned up property, property removed from blight list at Sept. 2025 meeting	4-5-24
#32	102 E. Penn St. – Lenhartsville Boro.	Property sold to private individual for rehabilitation.	6-4-24
#33	1853 Old Lancaster Pike – Cumru Twp.	Certification Hearing held 3/25	6-14-24
#34	1306 Penn Ave. – Wyomissing Boro.	Certification Hearing held 9/25	6-25-24
#35	1741 Paper Mill Rd. – Wyomissing Boro.	Property removed from blight list 11-18-25	12-18-24
#36	2037 Girard Ave. – Spring Twp.	Det. Hearing held 9/25 – considered blighted. Certification Hearing to be held Jan. 20, 2026.	4-1-25
#37	19 Marie Drive – Spring Twp.	Determination Hearing held 11/18/25.	4-23-25
#38	303 Summit Ave. – Cumru Township	Certification hearing to be held 3/17/26.	7-16-25
#39	104 Furlow Rd. – Spring Township	Certification Hearing will be held March 17, 2026.	8-6-25
#40	12 Open Hearth Dr. – Cumru Township	Property cleaned up and removed from blight list 11-18-25	8-25-25
#41	297 N. Galen Hall Rd. – South Heidelberg Twp.	Determination Hearing to be held 3/17/26	10-6-25
#42	546 Celia Ave. – Topton Borough	First strike letter sent 1/20/26	1-12-26