

Appendix 2

Vacant Building Ordinances: Strategies for Confronting Vacant Building Challenges

Resources for Identifying Responsible Parties

Resource	Information Available	Costs	Features
Safeguard Compliance Connections All counties	Property owner, name of servicer (if applicable), any lien holders, and a point of contact (at a minimum), only for single-family residential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None: search, information, contact/connection all free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up account on website Search by PIN Access to private and public databases, not limited to Safeguard properties Can upload violation notices, photos of damage, etc., which will be sent on to responsible party
Real Info Target Property/Target Express Cook, DuPage, Lake, Will, Kane, McHenry, Kendall, DeKalb (Target Property service only)	All outstanding real estate transactions posted against property, including deed, mortgages, taxes, property values, judgments and liens	<p>Pay-per-search</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document details: \$10-\$15/property Document image: \$5/document <p>Subscription</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cook: \$225/month DuPage, Lake, Will: \$120/month Kane, Kendall, DeKalb: \$100/month Plus one-time registration fee of \$100 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search individual property by owner name, tax number, or property address; or can search an entire area (by city/zip code) for foreclosures, sales, owners, lenders All information presented in a single, clear form Can download data into formats compatible with Word, Excel
Record Information Services Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Will, Winnebago	Real estate transactions, mortgage transactions, liens and judgments, foreclosures and auctions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-time search: \$5.95/record Real estate and mortgage transactions— 4 weeks: \$188-\$286; 12 weeks: \$321-\$589; 52 weeks: \$886-\$1,605 (each) Foreclosures and auction— 4 weeks: \$198; 12 weeks: \$418; 26 weeks: \$600; 52 weeks: \$840 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search by name, business, location, PIN, address Digital (by email) or hard copy One-time search easier because displays results from all databases at once; subscription use divides databases into distinct searches, costs

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Cook County Recorder	All documents submitted to Recorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document summary and full image: free • Print/download document: \$2.50 • Standard copy by mail: \$10 for first 2 pages, \$1 for each additional page, \$2.25 for postage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search by PIN, grantor/grantee, legal description, date, subdivision, trust number, document type • Free Property Fraud Alert: Register each property individually on website or in bulk with Recorder's office
DuPage County Recorder Kane County Recorder Will County Recorder	All documents submitted to Recorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document details and image: free (can save/print) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search by grantor/grantee, subdivision, section/township/range, property address, parcel number, document type, remarks, document number • No account required (though DuPage has account option) • Free Property Fraud Alert (DuPage and Will only)
Lake County Recorder	All documents submitted to Recorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subscription required—1 day: \$5; 30 days: \$50; 180 days: \$285; 360 days: \$540 • Once subscribed, document images free; save/print for \$1/page 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search by PIN, grantor/grantee, document number, date range, address, file number
McHenry County Recorder	All documents submitted to Recorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document summary and details: free • Per-search costs for full document images: \$5.95/search; \$1.50 for first printed page, \$0.50/each add'l page • Subscription (for unlimited search and images): \$250/quarter, plus printing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free search by name, document type, recorded date range • Paid search by name, document number, document type, date, subdivision, parcel number, metes and bounds Free Property Fraud Alert