Pottsville is a Blight Fighting Community

We are working very hard to protect your investment and maintain a good quality of life for all of our residents. We ask for your cooperation in this effort.

Working together we can make a difference. Property owners, neighbors, Code Officers, Police Officers, the Fire Department and Animal and Health Officers can identify problems and attack blight before it spreads.

If you are aware of a problem property, please call City Hall any time 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Monday-Friday or contact us by email at fightblight@city.pottsville.pa.us.

More information can be found at: www.city.pottsville.pa.us

City of Pottsville

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“A city is not gauged by its length and width, but by the breadth of its vision and the height of its dreams.”

~Herb Caen
Blight Process:

Step 1: Building Identification
- Properties are identified by City Officials, Neighbors, and in some cases local or state agencies

Step 2: Assessment
- Each property is visited by members of the Blight Task Force. A rating sheet is completed assigning a numerical value to a variety of categories that show how this particular building affects the community.

Step 3: Corrective Measures
- The Blight Task Force will create a strategy for each property. This strategy may include one or more of our "blight fighting tools"

Blight Fighting Tools:

- Quality of Life Tickets/Citations can be issued for a variety of day to day maintenance issues that can disrupt a neighborhood. A few examples of items that a QOL ticket can be issued for are:
  - Accumulation of trash inside or outside of a property
  - Littering on public or private property or by private advertising matter
  - Failing to cut grass, weeds, allowing water to cause a problem, or failure to shovel snow off sidewalks
For a complete list, please visit The City of Pottsville's website and view the City Code.

- The Nuisance Property Ordinance can also be used to respond to more serious problems:
  - Three or more violations of criminal statues of the Commonwealth of PA and/or the ordinances of the City of Pottsville
  - Three or more violations of the City Code relating to property maintenance or zoning
  - A combination of three offenses from any of the above categories arising out of separate and distinct facts and circumstances

- Demolitions

- Property Exchange Initiative

- Blighted & Abandoned Property Conservatorship Law
  - Conservatorship allows a municipality, nonprofit org., to initiate a court action, appointing a third party, to rehabilitate the building or abate a problem when the owner refuses or is unavailable to take care of the property

- Permit Denial
  - This allows the City to deny a variety of permits to persons who own blighted and/or neglected properties in the City

Blight is a condition that poses a threat to the health, safety and general welfare of a neighborhood. It can be easy to spot in things like broken doors and windows, a porch that is falling down, high weeds, trash, and litter. In some cases it may be harder to see, with a building that has interior water damage, has no utilities, or has been vandalized. The reasons for blight may vary, but one thing is certain, blight is a serious problem:

- It decreases property values
- Discourages community investment
- Reduces the quality of life in our city