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Affordability Preservation Project Results Now Available ***Year-long research project addressing long-term housing affordability***

Community Legal Resources is pleased to present our Affordability Preservation Project (APP) manual, the result of a year-long research project to investigate mechanisms for ensuring long-term housing affordability in Michigan communities. The products, which include an analysis of various models studied as well as sample legal documents and a primer for homebuyers, can be downloaded at no cost by visiting the [CLR website](#).

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We need your input! CLR's summer client survey

Community Legal Resources is requesting the input of our clients as we plan our educational efforts for the coming year. Please take a moment to complete our survey available [here](#).

Your responses will help us identify the most important issues currently facing our nonprofit client organizations in Michigan. This information will allow us to then tailor our efforts to more effectively address your interests and needs. Thank you for your time!

The Coalition for a Detroit Land Bank

Community Legal Resources is an active founding member of the Coalition for a Detroit Land Bank, a group of community-based and civic organizations concerned about the abundance of vacant and abandoned property in the City and supports the development of healthy, safe and vibrant neighborhoods. The Coalition's mission is to work with all levels of government and members of the community to promote the reclamation and revitalization of vacant and abandoned Detroit land to productive use by 1) encouraging intergovernmental cooperation and accountability; 2) promoting a focus on neighborhoods; 3) increasing the inventory of quality housing (market-rate and affordable housing); and 4) encouraging responsible development.

More information about the Coalition-- as well as frequently asked questions about land banks, case studies from around the country, and updates on the status land banks in Michigan and in Detroit-- can be found at the [Coalition's website](#).

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