



JEFFERSON COUNTY
LAND BANK



CASE STUDY

Saving a Good Neighborhood: The Case for 214 Longview

With limited demolition funding, any land bank is only able to address a portion of the demolition demands. So, how do we allocate the resources we have? At the Jefferson County Land Bank, one of our demolition focuses is “good neighborhoods”. We look at demolition candidates that are near to and at times right in the middle of neighborhoods with solid homes, communities with proud homeowners who take care of their properties, safe places for kids to play and go to school, and safe places to live. A good example is 214 Longview Avenue in Mingo Junction. Located in a solid and stable neighborhood, less than a quarter mile to both an elementary (Hills School) and middle school (Indian Creek Middle School), 214 Longview Avenue is an ideal Land Bank acquisition and demolition candidate. By taking this foreclosed structure down, we can help stabilize and increase surrounding home values, remove a fire (arson) risk, and remove a safety hazard for kids who at times might be too curious.