

Residential Demolition Assistance Program

When Funds Are Available, the Program...

- Identifies blighted properties (vacant boarded-up dwellings)
- Contacts property owners (in-state and out-of-state). Those involved may include:
 - City Codes Enforcement Officer
 - Community Foundation for a Better Hartsville
 - Neighborhood Association Members
 - Churches
- Sets meetings to discuss demolition program with the property owner. The owner will still own the vacant site after demolition, and the city will ensure the proper removal and permitting by the demolition contractor.
- Obtains the required owner's signature required on the Application Release Form stating that there are no mortgages or liens on the property; and then grants permission for the demolition contractor to access the property for demolition purposes.
- Determines if the exterior siding is asbestos material. SCDHEC requires that the asbestos siding be removed by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor and disposed of at a lined landfill facility.



Demolition Process

- At a participating property, the entire footprint of the dwelling is removed including steps, porches, chimneys, pier supports, and concrete slabs.
- The low bid contractor is responsible for the demolition permit(s) and the landfill disposal fee.
- All phases of the demolition project will be inspected to ensure that all materials have been removed during demolition.
- The contractor will be paid upon completion and inspection of each property.
- After a demolition is complete, the property owner must maintain property by keeping the lot regularly mowed.

Progress

- The program has demolished 23 houses in Hartsville as of October 2014.
- Demolitions are helping the owners keep their property without going to a tax sale.
- The effort is building trust within the blighted areas and communities.
- Participating property owners are paying \$500 to \$1000.
- Hartsville Community Development is paying the rest when funds are available.

For more information, contact City Manager, Natalie Zeigler at 843.383.3015.

