

## DPW Summary and Management Strategies - Integration of Maintenance of DCD Improved Properties

1. Since assuming responsibility for vacant lot maintenance in 2008, DPW Forestry has implemented contract and maintenance performance standards that have markedly improved the condition of city-owned vacant lots; including:
  - Consolidation of mowing and sidewalk snow removal services in contract scope of work
  - Integration of performance based contract specifications and work verification (follow-up inspection)
  - Integration of technology to facilitate inventory management and contractor performance monitoring
  - Reorganization of vacant lot and code enforcement inspectors to provide proactive property management that helps stabilize neighborhoods with high violation history and vacant lot ownership.
  
2. Our approach to the maintenance of 975 city-owned tax foreclosed improved properties transferred from DCD to DPW on June 14<sup>th</sup> is similar, including:
  - Immediate response over the weekend of June 15<sup>th</sup> to mow 125 tax-foreclosed properties in 14 quarter sections with excessively tall grass.
  - Quality Control: Follow-up identification and finish mowing and raking of 53 properties with hay (tall laden grass) for improved appearance
  - Coordination meeting with DCD contractors and DPW supplemental contractors to communicate expectations and work assignments
  - Issued immediate notice to proceed to all DCD contractors to begin 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting cycle (2 week) on June 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Integration of DCD properties with vacant lot inspector routes and quarter section parcel maps
  - Short-term staffing adjustments to monitor contractor progress and manage additional contracts
  - Integration of all contract grounds maintenance activities (scheduled mowing and sidewalk snow removal) into management zones
  - Continued assessment, reorganization and reallocation of resources to maximize efficiency and effectiveness (including service uniformity in management zones).
  - Commitment to stabilizing and improving neighborhood cleanliness, curb appeal and marketability.