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Honorable Joanne Cunningham
Chair, Albany County Legislature
112 State St. Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

Legislative approval is being requested to convey all properties on the attached list of county-owned parcels that were taken in July of 2025.

The attached spreadsheet lists 101 properties that were taken via “in rem” real property tax foreclosure actions in July 2025. These properties consist of the following:

30 Parcels with Buildings

- These properties contain structures and 29 of said parcels will be offered at public auction to establish “full value” as defined under RPTL § 1197.2(a):
 - *“Where the property was sold by a public sale/auction, the amount paid for the property shall be accepted as the full value of the property. No party may maintain a claim for surplus or any other claim or action against the tax district on the basis that the amount paid for the property did not fairly represent the property's value.”*
- The following properties remain occupied as of October 1, 2025. These properties will be offered at public auction once vacated. Occupants have been notified, and eviction proceedings are pending. The Department of Social Services has been engaged to assist affected households as needed:
 - 10 Raymo St., Albany (76.62-1-20)
 - 38 Currey Ave. (120.00-3-35)
 - 26 Pfeil Ave. (42.20-1-45)
- A reacquisition request has been received for the following parcel. The County is currently awaiting certified funds to proceed with submission of an RLA:
 - 11 Albany St. Albany (65.52-2-25)

71 Vacant Lots

- With the approval of the County legislature, the County intends to convey a portion of these lots to the Land Bank where the extinguished taxes exceed the property's potential market value.

- Remaining parcels, where the anticipated value is likely to exceed the extinguished taxes, will be offered at public auction in accordance with the County Disposition Plan § 360-40, in order to establish “full value.”
- Three separate requests have been submitted by abutting property owners for direct purchase. Separate RLAs have been submitted for the following:
 - TMP 6846 – Monroe Ave., Bethlehem (63.12-3-34)
 - TMP 6928 – 86 Creble Rd. (121.00-2-10)
 - TMP 6945 – 98 Henry Johnson Blvd. (65.72-5-4)

If you have any questions regarding this request, I can make myself available at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

M. David Reilly, Jr
Commissioner of Management and Budget

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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