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Honorable Joanne Cunningham
Chair, Albany County Legislature
112 State St. Rm. 710
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Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department is requesting authorization under the 2025 Albany County Disposition Plan to offer the attached listing of county-owned parcels for “public sale” in compliance with the US Supreme Court and NYS Law provisions related to distribution of surplus proceeds.

The attached spreadsheet lists 7 properties that were taken via “in rem” real property tax foreclosure actions and remain in County ownership. These properties consist of the following:

4 Parcels with Buildings

- These properties contain structures and 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.”*

3 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.”

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
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
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