

# National Land Bank Network *Summit* | October 16–17, 2023

## Call for Speakers

The [2023 National Land Bank Network \(NLBN\) Summit](#) is the only national event dedicated to urban, suburban, and rural land banks. This October in Cleveland, land bank leaders and staff will get to learn about the latest strategies for addressing problem properties, share successes and common challenges, and network with fellow leaders in the field.

NLBN seeks land bank leaders and practitioners to share their knowledge and expertise at the 2023 Summit. Based on input from land banks across the country, we have identified learning tracks and session topics for the conference and are looking for speakers to address specific subject areas.

Successful NLBN Summit speaker submissions will articulate knowledge of practical tools, strategies, and/or program expertise for one of these topics.

**Interested parties are invited to review the session list and guidelines and to submit one or more proposals no later than May 24, 2023.**

Speakers will receive complimentary conference registration. Travel and lodging not included.

### Submission Timeline

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| April 24, 2023            | Call for Speakers is released         |
| May 24, 2023              | Speaker proposals submission deadline |
| May 25, 2023–June 2, 2023 | Speaker proposal review               |
| June 14, 2023             | Acceptance Notifications              |

Below are the topic areas speakers are invited to apply to for. Note that ‘101’ indicates where we are looking for speakers that will present the topics in an introductory-level format, ‘201’ indicates intermediate-level sessions, and ‘301’ indicates advanced sessions.

**You can only apply to one session at a time.** If you would like to apply to multiple sessions, go to the Application Portal tab, click the “Apply for Another Session” button, and submit another proposal.

If you experience any issue submitting your application in Swoogo, please contact Kiran-Durae Barkey at [kbarkey@managedbyamr.com](mailto:kbarkey@managedbyamr.com).

Questions regarding this event can be submitted by email to Christina Carter-Grant at [ccarter@communityprogress.org](mailto:ccarter@communityprogress.org).

## Track 101

- **Community Engagement**  
Community support and buy-in is necessary in order for land banks to lead effective change. What does it look like when a land bank is authentically engaged with its community? What engagement styles and tactics can land banks use to strengthen relationships with residents and meaningfully respond to community needs?
- **Strategic Planning**  
Strategic planning can be an important step in determining where your land bank is headed and ensuring upcoming work runs smoothly. How do you know when a land bank should create an action plan or undergo a full strategic planning process? How do you design and implement a planning process to develop those plans?
- **Communicating Impact**  
Communicating your impact is vital step in securing funding and connecting with policymakers, practitioners, and community members. How do you explain what a land bank is, the programs your land bank offers, and the impact your land bank has on the community? How do you define and measure success? How can impact reports and other tools help you share this information?

## Track 201

- **Rehab & Repair Programs**  
Repairing or rehabilitating inventory properties is a key component of some land banks’ work to return these properties to productive use. How can land banks

develop these programs and partnerships? How have land banks ensured property and neighborhood conditions improve as a result of their involvement?

□ **Affordable Housing**

The land banking and affordable housing sectors hold the shared goal of helping community members in their neighborhoods thrive. What tools and strategies are available for land banks to advance affordable housing opportunities in their communities? How can land banking tools help create permanent affordable housing opportunities?

□ **Local Government Partnerships**

Land banks can use local government tools and partnerships to move beyond single transactions and foster long-term revitalization. How are these partnerships formed and what can they look like? How can land banks engage in local decisionmaking processes to support residents affecting positive change?

## Track 301

□ **Occupied Structures**

Some land banks have played a role in addressing occupied tax-delinquent properties. How can land banks engage in work with occupied structures equitably and sensitively? What are some of the challenges and lessons learned?

□ **State Policy**

State-level policy change like increasing funding, improving land bank powers, and supporting systems like code and property tax enforcement can powerfully shape land banks' efficacy. How can land banks help foster state-level policy changes? How have land banks connected with one another, developed political power, and identified winning strategies to achieve policy goals?

□ **Commercial Property Revitalization**

Land banking can address more than just residential properties. How have land banks played a role in commercial and large-scale property revitalization? What do land banks need to know about engaging in commercial property demolition, preservation, or rehabilitation? What can partnership models look like? How have land banks attracted the funding necessary for these projects?