

**Lead Agency:** County Management

**Program Contact:** Sally Brown

**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating

**Related Programs:** 72023, 72027, 72030

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Tax Title Program, within the Division of Assessment, Recording and Taxation (DART), is responsible for the management, maintenance and disposition of the County's tax foreclosed property inventory. The County's foreclosed property portfolio consists of 343 properties. Every year property is deeded to the county in the fall through Tax Foreclosure, this year the County received 6 properties. Of the current inventory, approximately 77% of the properties are strips of various sizes, 21% are vacant lots that are mostly irregular in shape and not buildable, and 2% are properties with improvements or structures. Properties are sold at public auction and by entering into private sales with adjacent owners. The inventory is also reduced by transferring properties to government agencies, non-profit housing developers, and non-profit corporations for public use.

**Program Description**

The County comes into ownership of real property at least once a year through the foreclosure of delinquent property tax liens. The tax foreclosed properties are placed into the Special Program Group's (SPG) inventory and are managed and disposed of pursuant to Multnomah County Code, Chapter 7. Shortly after the properties are deeded to the County they are made available for repurchase to the former owners of record. SPG researches and inspects the properties received to determine highest and best use of the property. To assure this section's fiscal stability the department will identify property to be sold at public auction, private sale or available for donation to governments, non-profit housing sponsors or Open Space Preservation Sponsors.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	Properties remaining in Tax Title Inventory	356	349	336	345
Outcome	Properties placed back on the tax roll & into community use	39	30	27	30
Outcome	Revenue disbursed to taxing districts for public use	431,412	356,400	250,000	371,768

**Performance Measure - Description**

The goal of the program is to reinstate tax foreclosed properties to the tax roll or into public use. At the end of every budget year the tax foreclosed property revenues are totaled, operating expenses and set asides are accounted for and the balance of revenue is disbursed to taxing districts.

## Legal/Contractual Obligation

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 275 details how counties are to manage & dispose of tax foreclosed properties. ORS 312 details the foreclosure process & responsibilities of the county including guidance on how the redemption period can be reduced when there is evidence of waste and abandonment. ORS 271 provides information concerning the transfer of foreclosed properties to non-profits & government agencies. ORS 98 details procedures concerning abandoned property & vehicles at foreclosed property. Multnomah County Code Chapter 7 specifically states how tax foreclosed properties are to be managed and the process to be used for disposition.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2012	2012	2013	2013
Personnel	\$106,426	\$0	\$110,055	\$0
Contracts	\$452,888	\$0	\$450,788	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$38,199	\$0	\$35,922	\$0
Internal Services	\$15,787	\$0	\$16,535	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$613,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$613,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$613,300</b>		<b>\$613,300</b>	
Program FTE	1.20	0.00	1.20	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$564,300	\$0	\$567,300	\$0
Taxes	\$24,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$25,000	\$0	\$21,000	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$613,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$613,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

The Program has to be financially self sustaining. Program revenues include contract principle estimated at \$25,000 and interest on contracts and repurchases estimated at \$21,000. Sales of properties at auction, private sales and repurchases are estimated at \$567,200 for FY 2013. Miscellaneous late fees \$100. When actual revenues exceed the program's operating costs, the balance is distributed to taxing districts in Multnomah County, in accordance with ORS 275.275, per formula provided in ORS 311.390.

## Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #72051, DART Tax Title