



*Michigan Land Bank  
Fast Track Authority*

## **Garden for Growth Program Application to Lease**

Thank you for your interest in leasing and gardening property owned by the State of Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority (Authority). The mission of the Authority is to return blighted, tax reverted properties to productive and economically viable use. The Authority will work cooperatively with local units of government and the private sector to create opportunities for economic growth within the manufacturing, industrial, commercial, retail, housing and public use arenas. This application process will assist individuals and organizations that are interested in leasing or otherwise acquiring properties owned by the Authority.

### **The Application Process:**

1. Submit a completed application, and documentation of non-profit or organizational status if applicable, to the Authority at:

**Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority  
Garden for Growth Program  
7150 Harris Drive  
Lansing, Michigan 48909**

2. Upon receipt of your completed application and required documentation, the Authority will evaluate your application.
3. You will be notified if your application is denied or approved. If approved, you will be sent a letter of approval and proposed lease to sign and return within 14 days, as well as an invoice for **\$25 for a one year lease term or \$75 for a three year lease term.**
4. Send the signed lease and payment to the Authority as indicated on the invoice. **All payments must be made in the form of a Cashier's Check or Money Order made payable to the STATE of MICHIGAN.**
5. Once the Authority has received the payment in full, the Authority will execute the Lease, and mail you a copy of the Lease and a receipt.

Again, thank you for your interest in the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority. If you have any further questions, please contact us at **(517) 636-5149**.

## **GARDEN for GROWTH Application**

Properties included in the Garden for Growth Program must meet the following criteria:

- (a) The property shall be a vacant lot and shall not be qualified for the Adjacent Lot Program.
- (b) According to local zoning/building codes, the property is not buildable or able to be developed independently.
- (c) In the opinion of the Authority, the parcel is not part of a proposed plan or development requiring land assembly.

The Authority in its sole discretion may choose to include or not include any given parcel of property in the Garden for Growth Program. The property shall be leased and maintained for the purpose of gardening or urban farming.

**Gardening Lease cost: \$25 for one year or \$75 for three years.**

**Lessee will have option to renew the lease at the end of their lease term.**

### **Applicant Information**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

If Applicable, Co-Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### **Property Information**

Property Address Applying for (include parcel identification/ward/item number) \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your plan of use for the requested lot: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Necessary Attachments**

Please include the following with your application:

- Proof of paid real estate taxes (copy of current paid city tax bill AND copy of current paid county tax bill)
- Proof of identity (copy of Michigan Drivers License or State ID)
- Proof of organizational or non-profit status, if applicable
- Current photo of requested property

### **Applicant Certification**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:**

1. I am not in default of property taxes payable to any governmental taxing unit. I understand that the Authority will verify my tax status.
2. I understand that the property shall be maintained and used for gardening or urban farming.
3. All of the copies of the materials submitted with this application are complete, accurate and current.
4. I further understand and agree that I must maintain the property, in accordance with all land use, zoning, and property maintenance laws and ordinances.
5. I also certify that I will pay all costs and fees associated with maintenance, gardening and farming of the property.

By signing below, I/we certify that I/we have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all terms of this entire application. I/We further certify that all of the statements set forth in this application are true.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Legal Disclaimer

The State of Michigan, its departments, the **Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority (Authority)**, its officers, employees, contractors, and agents, make no warranty or representation as to the status or condition of title on any of the properties conveyed by the Authority.

The State of Michigan, its departments, the **Authority**, its officers, employees, contractors, and agents, make no warranty or representation as to the presence or absence of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste on any of the properties conveyed by the Authority. All properties are leased “as is.” The State of Michigan, its departments, the **Authority**, its officers, employees, contractors, and agents, make no warranty or representation as to the environmental condition of any of the properties or of any structures or improvements located on any of the properties. The applicant assumes all responsibility to investigate, and if necessary remediate, the environmental condition of the properties. The applicant is encouraged to obtain technical advice in order to investigate, and if necessary remediate, the environmental condition of the properties.

The State of Michigan, its departments, the **Authority**, its officers, employees, contractors, and agents, make no warranty or representation as to the physical condition of any of the properties or of any structures or improvements located on any of the properties conveyed by the Authority. The applicant assumes all responsibility to investigate, and if necessary repair the physical condition of the properties or of any structures or improvements located on any of the properties. The applicant is encouraged to obtain technical advice in order to investigate, and if necessary repair, the physical condition of any of the properties or of any structures or improvements located on any of the properties.

The State of Michigan, its departments, the Authority, its officers, employees, contractors, and agents, comply with Elliot-Larson Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 453, the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 220 and all other federal, state and local fair employment practices and equal opportunity laws and do not discriminate based on religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or physical or mental disability, or marital status.

The applicant will receive a “**Lease**” from the **Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority**. The property will be conveyed, “As Is” – with no title insurance. The purchaser will assume responsibility for the property and its maintenance.

I/We understand that the **Authority** will offer the property(s) “**AS IS**” with no warranty of the title whatsoever. I/We understand that the property(s) may have substantial physical, environmental, and/or title defects. I/We understand that I/we am/are assuming the risk for any defects in the property(s). No one from or on behalf of the State of Michigan, its departments, the **Authority**, its officers, employees, contractors, or agents, has made any statements, promises, representations, or warranties, expressed or implied, as to the condition of the property(s) or title to the property(s). I/We acknowledge that I/we am proceeding at my/our own risk. I/We hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant to hold harmless the State of Michigan, its departments, the **Authority**, its officers, employees, contractors, and agents from all liability regarding the condition of the property(s), whether environmental, physical, legal (title), or otherwise.

By signing below, I/we certify that I/we have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all terms of this entire application. I/We further certify that all of the statements set forth in this application are true.

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_