



# CITY OF DECATUR ILLINOIS

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## **City, Landbank complete first Abandonment to Rehab home**

Decatur, IL – The City of Decatur and Central Illinois Landbank Authority (CILBA) on Friday unveiled their first rehabilitated house in the Abandonment to Rehab Program, signaling the start of much more rehabilitation and revitalization coming throughout Decatur.

439 S Maffit St. is the first home completed in the program. The house is approximately 1,535 square feet with three bedrooms, one full bath, a full unfinished basement, and an updated one-car detached garage. The rehab included a complete interior remodel with new flooring; an eat-in kitchen with new cabinets and appliances; full bath remodel; new paint throughout; new windows, siding, & gutters; new gas-forced air furnace, central AC, and water heater; and a new asphalt driveway. The home is move-in ready and includes an extra side lot.

The Abandonment to Rehab Program is a partnership between the City of Decatur and CILBA that takes vacant/abandoned homes that would otherwise likely become demolition candidates and rehabilitating them. All funding for this first home rehabilitation came from grants, with a majority being support from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA).

This initiative allows the City to move from a reactive approach on blighted structures to a proactive one in which we are actively partnering with CILBA to save homes before they become the next round of demolitions. The intent is to sell these homes to first-time home buyers.

The Maffit property is one of ten homes in this first round of the Abandonment to Rehab Program. The other homes are in various stages of rehab. A majority of this program is

funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies. It is one of many strategies to help revitalize neighborhoods in Decatur's urban core.

Interested buyers can see the property at <https://valerie.mainplace.us/homes/439-S-Maffit-Street/Decatur/IL/62521/143399656/>, or contact the listing agent, Valerie Wallace: [valerie@mainplace.us](mailto:valerie@mainplace.us) 217-520-0831

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