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Lakewood offers first city-rehabbed homes for sale



These are the homes the city has rehabilitated and put up for sale this week. Above: the property at 1598 Wyandotte Avenue. Below: the parcel at 1300 Andrews Avenue. Both are on the city's near east side.



LAKESWOOD — This week, this city is offering for sale the first properties it has rehabilitated as part of the city's housing initiative.

The properties, located at 1598 Wyandotte Avenue and 1300 Andrews Avenue, were the worst on their streets. The city targeted properties that were abandoned, foreclosed and where profits would be unlikely for would-be property redevelopers.

At no cost to the city's general fund dollars, Lakewood purchased and rehabilitated the properties. Now, the homes feature new kitchens and baths, new appliances, restored floors and trim, new roofs, driveways and HVAC, updated electric and plumbing, dry basements and other improvements.

To retain the historic Lakewood charm, first-floor hardwoods were restored, and the city consulted with the Cleveland Restoration Society to ensure the color selections met the age and character of the houses.

The city earned federal funding for the initiative. To date, sixteen properties have been acquired to demolish or rehab. Other properties not owned by the City will be demolished to rid neighborhoods of nuisance properties.

Federal guidelines require that homes are sold to owner occupants who will responsibly manage home ownership, and other federal requirements. Interested buyers can contact Tom O'Dougherty of Howard Hanna Realty at (216) 356-2200.