Baltimore City's *Vacants-to-Value* Initiative and Market-driven Decision-Making

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Vacant Properties in Baltimore: “They didn’t take their houses with them.”

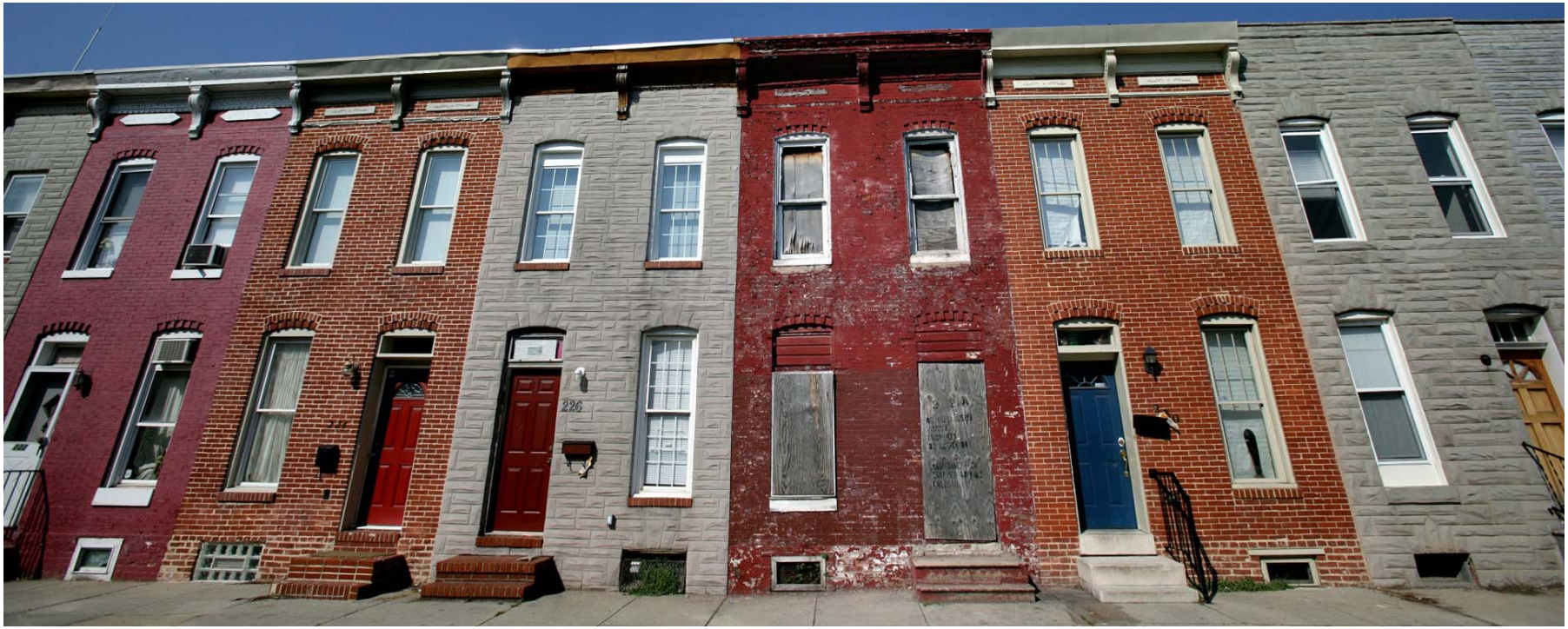
Source: Baltimore Department of Housing and Community Development

- Severe population loss
- Leaves 16,000 vacant and abandoned properties
  - 75% privately owned
  - 5,000 with investment potential

Moving Away from Large Scale Subsidies

Source: www.stvinc.com/project.aspx?id=356&ser=19&i=2

Focus on “Transitional” Blocks



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Vacants-to-Value Strategies

VACANTS TO VALUE

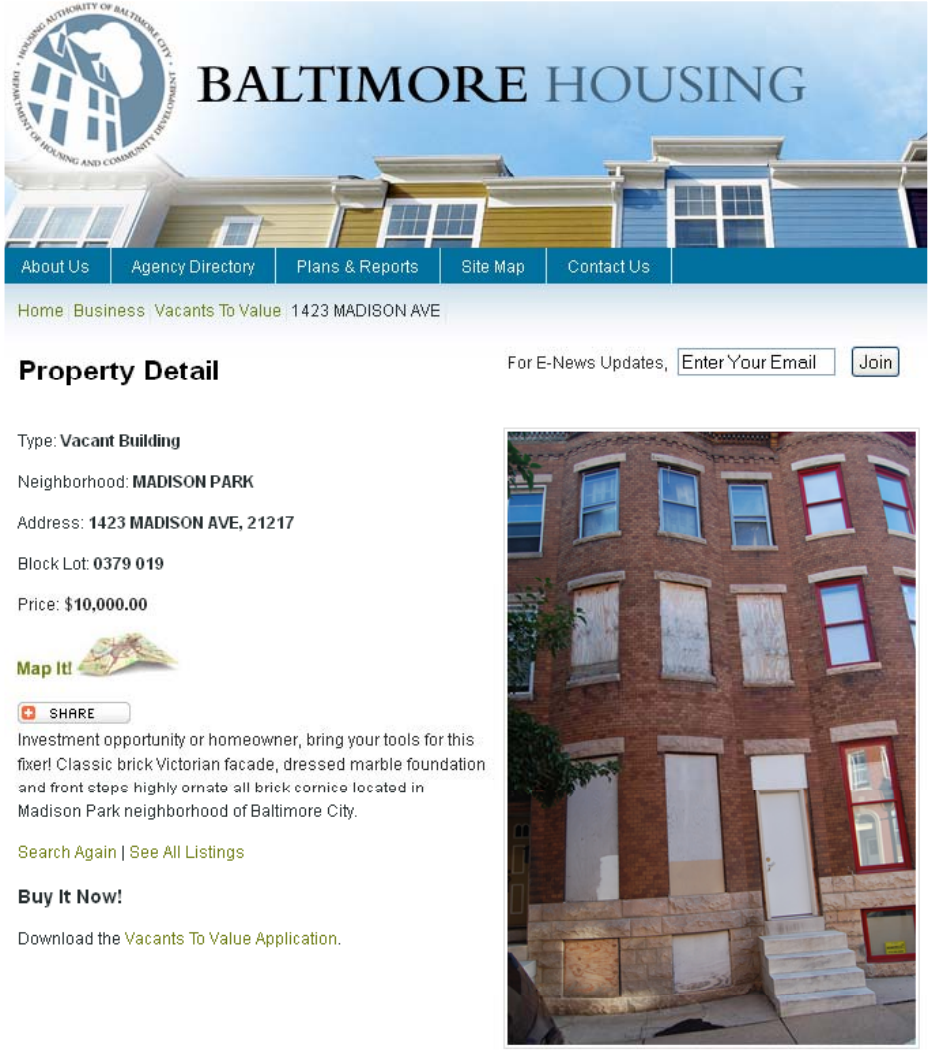
Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor

- Targeted Code Enforcement
- Development Incentives and Streamlined Disposition
- Investment in development clusters near areas of strength
- Support for large-scale efforts in distressed areas
- Maintain, clear, hold and identify non-housing uses

Source: Baltimore Housing Department

Baltimore City's Data Infrastructure Sources

- Real Property File
- Aerial Photography
- CityView
- Code Enforcement Database
- CoBLAM (City of Baltimore Land Asset Management)
- Experienced Staff



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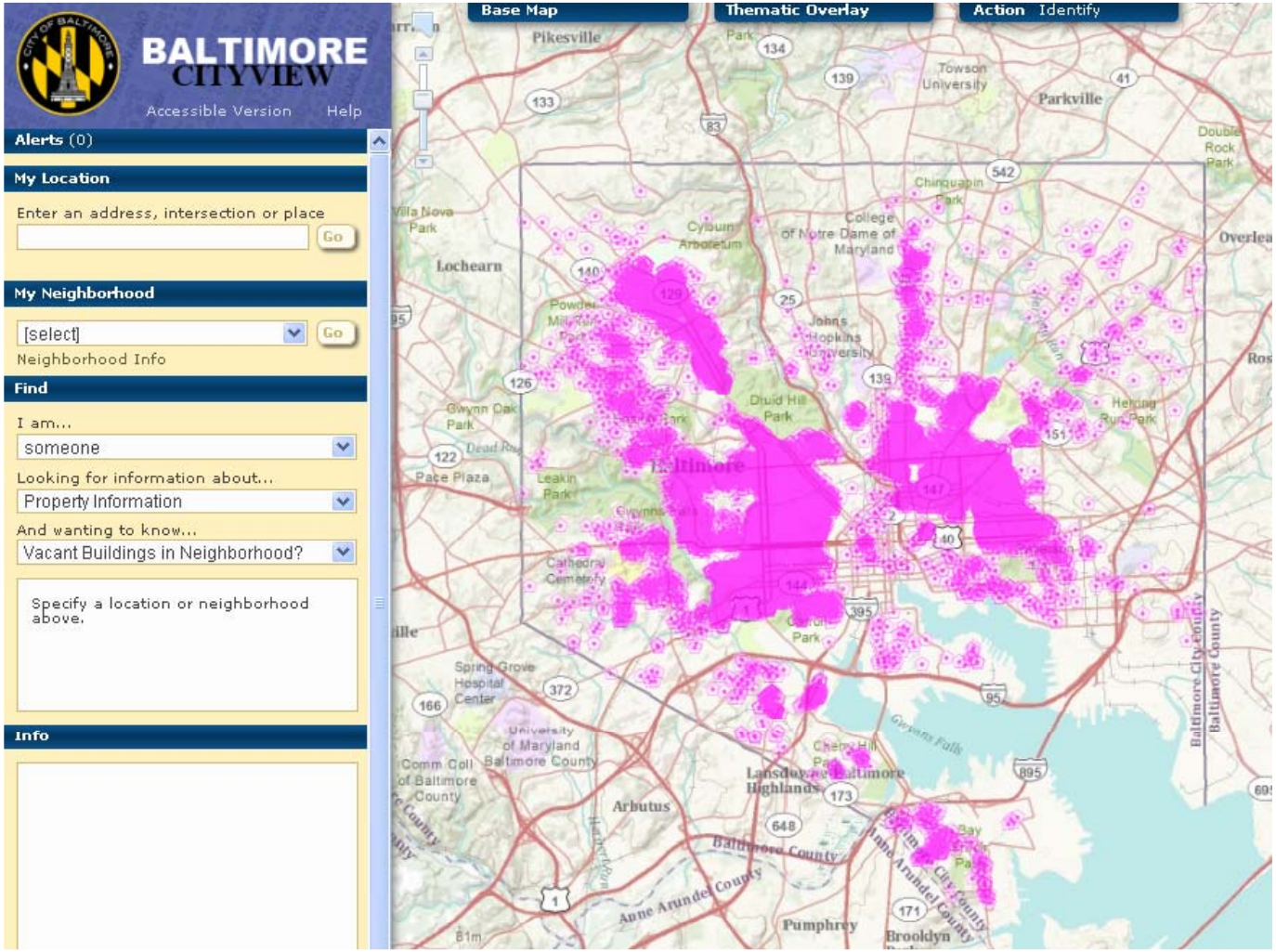

Source: http://cityview.baltimorecity.gov/CityView

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