



## Former Marion Hotel Marion, MI

In March 2019 the Osceola County Land Bank Authority (OCLBA) completed the demolition of the former Marion Hotel located at 200 E. Main Street in the Village of Marion. The building located at 202 E. Main Street was also demolished as part of the same project.

The former hotel was a blighted safety hazard on Marion's Main Street. After obtaining possession of the property through the tax foreclosure process for a second time the building was transferred into the Osceola County Land Bank. The property sat in the Land Bank until possession of the adjacent building could be obtained.

The Land Bank Board discussed the building's future with Township and Village officials. The Land Bank Authority also held a community meeting in order to explain the project and gather input. Both the Village and Township stated an occasional need for more parking. Additionally, a local business stated it often needed additional parking. All three parties stated they would make a contribution if the lot was turned into parking.

Before demolition began it was determined the hotel shared a common wall with the adjoining building which was also going through the tax foreclosure process. This delayed the project by about 11 months as the Land Bank waited to obtain the adjacent building.

**New Use:** Parking Lot



**Status Prior to Demolition:** Vacant, blighted building

**Past Use(s):** Hotel

**Project Cost:** \$38,780

#### Funders

- Osceola County
- Horseshoe Bar
- Village of Marion
- Marion Township

#### Land Bank Tools Used

- Ability to "bank" property
- Ability to determine "best use"
- Ability to accept donations

#### Benefits to the Public

- Blight removal
- Removal of safety hazard
- Parking for local businesses, Village, and Township

The MISSION of the Osceola County Land Bank Authority is to improve the quality of life in Osceola County by involving local units of government, community organizations, and other stakeholders in finding the best way to **return tax-foreclosed properties to the tax rolls** and/or utilize the program to **promote community & economic development**.

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