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## Albany County Land Bank Corporation Names Adam Zaranko as Next Executive Director

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The Albany County Land Bank Corporation has named Adam Zaranko as the new Executive Director. Mr. Zaranko will be taking the place of Amanda Wyckoff who was serving as Interim Executive Director. Ms. Wyckoff will remain with the Land Bank as Property and Development Manager.

“The Board is excited to have Adam join the Land Bank,” said Charles Touhey, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Albany County Land Bank Corporation. “His leadership and experience will be a great addition to the organization. I would also like to thank Amanda for all of her great work leading the Land Bank during the Executive Director search.”

The Albany County Land Bank was established in early 2014 by Albany County to facilitate the process of acquiring, improving and redistributing vacant and abandoned properties. The Land Bank is an organization committed to improving neighborhoods and has a responsibility to improve Land Bank properties for future use and put them back on the tax rolls.

“I look forward to working with communities throughout Albany County to combat blight and improve neighborhoods,” said Adam Zaranko, Executive Director of the Albany County Land Bank Corporation. “I would like to thank the Board of Directors for the opportunity to lead the Land Bank as it continues to pursue its mission and realize its tremendous potential.”



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Adam Zaranko was raised in Albany County and has extensive experience in asset management, economic development and strategic planning. Prior to joining the Albany County Land Bank Mr. Zaranko served as a Senior Policy Advisor in the NYC Mayor's Office where he managed a diverse project portfolio in support of the City's \$20 billion resiliency program and helped lead the creation of the City's comprehensive strategic plan. Before joining the Mayor's Office Adam was a Vice President in the New York City Economic Development Corporation's Asset Management group and worked in the New York City Department of Transportation's Strategic Planning office. Mr. Zaranko holds a Master's degree in Urban Planning from Columbia University, a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Design from SUNY Buffalo and an Associate's degree in Civil Engineering Technology from Hudson Valley Community College.

The Albany County Land Bank is using grant funding from Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, Albany County and the City of Albany to support property demolitions, acquisitions, stabilizations, lot improvements and renovation projects.

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