

# ALBANY/DOUGHERTY COUNTY LAND BANK

# VACANT TO VIBRANT!

4th Edition February 2024

#### From the Board

The Board continues to increase its knowledge and capability to be a professional and productive land bank. We focus on returning unproductive properties to productive, revenue-generating status. Because of our ability to network with private and public organizations, we can collaborate efforts to develop and improve our community's housing needs. Our success as a community resource is supported by the City of Albany and Dougherty County Commissions.

### **Networking with Habitat**

The Albany/Dougherty County Land Bank worked closely with Flint River Habitat for Humanity and provided 60 buildable single-family lots within the Brookhollow and Cedar Lake Subdivision. Habitat broke ground in 2023 on five lots. Flint River Habitat is committed to providing safe, decent, and affordable housing to help make the dream of homeownership come true.

#### Pictured below:

County Commissioner Gloria Gaines, City Commissioner Chad Warbington alongside the future homeowners.



## A Message from the Executive Director

2024 is off to a productive start for the Albany Dougherty Land Bank. We continue to move forward with more ways to put tax-delinquent property back to productive use. We are so proud of our partnerships with Flint River Habitat for Humanity and the Community & Economic Development Department to increase workforce housing in the community. We are currently seeking proposals to rehabilitate two land bank owned properties within the Albany Historic District. The board recognizes the need to preserve historically significant properties.

Paul Forgey,
Executive Director;
Albany/Dougherty County Land Bank

# **Our Progress**

Since January, 2018, the Land Bank has:

- processed over 250 applications for acquisition.
- returned over \$300,000 in delinquent taxes.
- Closed on more than 200 parcels.

We could not do all of this without the generous financial support of both City and County Commissions

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

CHAIR, THELMA A. JOHNSON VICE CHAIR; LARRY THOMAS

JIM McBRIDE ERICK WILLIAMS BILL GEER

JIM PACE

SCOTT ERICKSON

#### ALBANY DOUGHERTY LAND BANK

240 Pine Avenue suite 300 Albany GA 31701

229-438-3901

Www.albanydoughertylandbank.com