

**LAND INFORMATION COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, May 08, 2017; 9 am

Rock County Courthouse

Second Floor, Courthouse Conference Room

(NOTE ROOM CHANGE)

51 S Main St

Janesville, WI 53545

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2016
4. Communication and Announcements
5. Action Item: Elect Chair
6. Action Item: Elect Vice-Chair
7. Information Item: Update on Land Information Program
  - a. 2016 Strategic Initiatives Grant Update
  - b. 2017 Strategic Initiatives Grant Update
  - c. Statewide Parcel Map Update
8. Information Item: 2017 Budget
  - a. Interns
    - i. Address Project
9. Action Item: 2018 Budget
10. Current Projects
  - a. Orthophoto flight
  - b. Land Use Update
  - c. Update on Web Apps and Maps
  - d. Tax Database Search - Demo
11. Information Item: Wisconsin Land Information Officers Network Legislative Update
  - a. 2017 Assembly Bill 253 - Recording of Sheriff Sale Documents
12. Set Next Meeting
13. Adjourn



State of Wisconsin  
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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## 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 253

April 14, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives BALLWEG, CONSIDINE, ALLEN, BERCEAU, BERNIER, BILLINGS, BRANDTJEN, CROWLEY, DOYLE, FELZKOWSKI, FIELDS, GANNON, GOYKE, HINTZ, HORLACHER, KERKMAN, KULP, MACCO, MEYERS, MURPHY, MURSAU, OHNSTAD, SKOWRONSKI, SPREITZER, STUCK, SUBECK, SWEARINGEN, THIESFELDT, TUSLER and WEATHERSTON, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN, COWLES, HARSDFORF, KAPENGA, LEMAHIEU, WANGGAARD, WIRCH and HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 846.167 (title) and (1) and 846.17; *to renumber* 846.167 (2)  
2           (a) and 846.167 (2) (c); *to renumber and amend* 846.16 (1), 846.16 (2), 846.16  
3           (3), 846.167 (2) (intro.), 846.167 (2) (b) and 846.167 (3); *to amend* 77.22 (1),  
4           846.10 (2) (a) 1., 846.10 (2) (a) 2. a., 846.10 (2) (a) 2. b., 846.101 (2) (b), 846.101  
5           (2) (c) 1., 846.101 (2) (c) 2., 846.102 (3) (a) 1., 846.103 (1) and (2) and 846.16  
6           (title); and *to create* 846.16 (1) (title), 846.16 (1) (c) 3., 846.16 (2m) (title),  
7           846.16 (3m) (title), 846.16 (3m) (a) 1. and 2., 846.16 (3m) (b) and 846.16 (4) of  
8           the statutes; **relating to:** procedures related to a sale of foreclosed property by  
9           a sheriff or referee.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill expands the process for confirming a foreclosure sale and recording the sheriff's deed for the purchased property that under current law applies only to property located in a county with a population of 750,000 or more (currently only Milwaukee County) to apply to property located anywhere in the state, except that the statewide process provides the clerk of court the option of notifying the register of deeds that a sheriff's deed is available for recording instead of requiring the clerk of court to transmit a sheriff's deed to the register of deeds. This bill also requires

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that a notice of a foreclosure sale include the street address of the property to be sold at the sale and the sum of the judgment.

Under current law, for foreclosed property located in Milwaukee County, if a sheriff or referee sells the foreclosed property, certain conditions must be satisfied before the court confirms the sale or within ten days of the court confirming the sale. First, before the court confirms the sale, the purchaser must provide the judgment creditor with any information required for the judgment creditor to complete the real estate transfer return required to record the sheriff's deed. After a sheriff or referee makes a sale of foreclosed property and upon compliance with the terms of the sale, the sheriff or referee executes a deed to the purchaser. This deed is commonly known as a sheriff's deed. Second, no later than ten days after the court confirms the sale, the purchaser must pay to the clerk of court the amount of any transfer fee and the amount of any fees required to record the sheriff's deed and any other documents required to record the deed. Third, no later than ten days after the court confirms the sale, the judgment creditor must deliver to the clerk of court the receipt for submitting a transfer return for the property. If the court confirms the sale, the purchaser complies with the terms of the sale, including paying any balance due on the purchase price, and the above-described conditions are satisfied, the clerk of court must transmit the sheriff's deed to the register of deeds for recording.

Under current law, for foreclosed property located outside of Milwaukee County, if the court confirms the sale and the purchaser complies with all of the terms of the sale, including paying any balance due on the purchase price, the clerk of court delivers the sheriff's deed to the purchaser. There is no requirement under current law that the purchaser deliver the sheriff's deed to the register of deeds for recording.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 77.22 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           77.22 (1) There is imposed on the grantor of real estate a real estate transfer  
3 fee at the rate of 30 cents for each \$100 of value or fraction thereof on every  
4 conveyance not exempted or excluded under this subchapter. In regard to land  
5 contracts, the value is the total principal amount that the buyer agrees to pay the  
6 seller for the real estate. This fee shall be collected by the register at the time the  
7 instrument of conveyance is submitted for recording. Except as provided in s. 77.255,  
8 at the time of submission the grantee or his or her duly authorized agent or other  
9 person acquiring an ownership interest under the instrument, or the clerk of court

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1     ~~or~~ judgment creditor in the case of a foreclosure under s. 846.16, shall execute a  
2     return, signed by both grantor and grantee, on the form prescribed under sub. (2).  
3     The register shall enter the fee paid on the face of the deed or other instrument of  
4     conveyance before recording, and, except as provided in s. 77.255, submission of a  
5     completed real estate transfer return and collection by the register of the fee shall  
6     be prerequisites to acceptance of the conveyance for recording. The register shall  
7     have no duty to determine either the correct value of the real estate transferred or  
8     the validity of any exemption or exclusion claimed. If the transfer is not subject to  
9     a fee as provided in this subchapter, the reason for exemption shall be stated on the  
10    face of the conveyance to be recorded by reference to the proper subsection under s.  
11    77.25.

12           **SECTION 2.** 846.10 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

13           846.10 (2) (a) 1. If the mortgage was executed before April 27, 2016, upon the  
14    expiration of 12 months from the date when the judgment is entered. Notice of the  
15    time and place of sale shall be given under ss. 815.31 and 846.16 (1) and may be given  
16    within the 12-month period, except that the first printing of the notice shall not be  
17    made less than 10 months after the date when the judgment is entered, and except  
18    that the sale of a farm shall not be made or advertised until the expiration of one year  
19    from the date when the judgment is entered.

20           **SECTION 3.** 846.10 (2) (a) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

21           846.10 (2) (a) 2. a. Except as provided in subd. 2. b., upon the expiration of 6  
22    months from the date when the judgment is entered. Notice of the time and place  
23    of sale shall be given under ss. 815.31 and 846.16 (1) and may be given within the  
24    6-month period, except that the first printing of the notice shall not be made less  
25    than 4 months after the date when the judgment is entered, and except that the sale

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1 of a farm shall not be made or advertised until the expiration of 6 months from the  
2 date when the judgment is entered.

3 **SECTION 4.** 846.10 (2) (a) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 846.10 (2) (a) 2. b. Upon motion of the mortgagor before judgment is entered,  
5 if the court finds that the mortgagor is attempting in good faith to sell the mortgaged  
6 premises and has entered into a listing agreement with a real estate broker licensed  
7 under ch. 452 to sell the mortgaged premises, upon the expiration of 8 months from  
8 the date when the judgment is entered. Notice of the time and place of sale shall be  
9 given under ss. 815.31 and 846.16 (1) and may be given within the 8-month period,  
10 except that the first printing of the notice shall not be made less than 6 months after  
11 the date when the judgment is entered, and except that the sale of a farm shall not  
12 be made or advertised until the expiration of 8 months from the date when the  
13 judgment is entered.

14 **SECTION 5.** 846.101 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 846.101 (2) (b) If the mortgage was executed before April 27, 2016, the sale of  
16 the mortgaged premises shall be made upon the expiration of 6 months from the date  
17 when the judgment is entered. Notice of the time and place of sale shall be given  
18 under ss. 815.31 and 846.16 (1) and may be given within the 6-month period, except  
19 that the first printing of the notice shall not be made less than 4 months after the date  
20 when the judgment is entered.

21 **SECTION 6.** 846.101 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 846.101 (2) (c) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., upon the expiration of 3 months  
23 from the date when the judgment is entered. Notice of the time and place of sale shall  
24 be given under ss. 815.31 and 846.16 (1) and may be given within the 3-month

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1 period, except that the first printing of the notice shall not be made less than one  
2 month after the date when the judgment is entered.

3 **SECTION 7.** 846.101 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 846.101 (2) (c) 2. Upon motion of the mortgagor before judgment is entered, if  
5 the court finds that the mortgagor is attempting in good faith to sell the mortgaged  
6 premises and has entered into a listing agreement with a real estate broker licensed  
7 under ch. 452 to sell the mortgaged premises, upon the expiration of 5 months from  
8 the date when the judgment is entered. Notice of the time and place of sale shall be  
9 given under ss. 815.31 and 846.16 (1) and may be given within the 5-month period,  
10 except that the first printing of the notice shall not be made less than 3 months after  
11 the date when the judgment is entered.

12 **SECTION 8.** 846.102 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 846.102 (3) (a) 1. Hold a sale of the mortgaged premises and have the sale  
14 confirmed under s. 846.165. Any sale of the mortgaged premises may be held at any  
15 time after the expiration of 5 weeks from the date when the judgment is entered.  
16 Notice of the time and place of sale shall be given under ss. 815.31 and 846.16 (1) and  
17 may be given at any time within the 12-month period.

18 **SECTION 9.** 846.103 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

19 846.103 (1) No foreclosure sale involving real property other than a one-family  
20 to 4-family residence that is owner-occupied at the commencement of the  
21 foreclosure action, a farm, a church, or a tax-exempt nonprofit charitable  
22 organization may be held until the expiration of 6 months from the date when the  
23 judgment is entered except a sale under sub. (2). Notice of the time and place of sale  
24 shall be given under ss. 815.31 and 846.16 (1) and may be given within the 6-month

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1 period, except that the first printing of the notice shall not be made less than 4  
2 months after the date when the judgment is entered.

3 (2) If the mortgagor of real property other than a one-family to 4-family  
4 residence that is owner-occupied at the commencement of the foreclosure action, a  
5 farm, a church, or a tax-exempt nonprofit charitable organization has agreed in  
6 writing at the time of the execution of the mortgage to the provisions of this section,  
7 the plaintiff in a foreclosure action of a mortgage, which mortgage is recorded  
8 subsequent to May 12, 1978, may elect by express allegation in the complaint to  
9 waive judgment for any deficiency ~~which~~ that may remain due to the plaintiff after  
10 sale of the mortgaged premises against every party who is personally liable for the  
11 debt secured by the mortgage, and to consent that the mortgagor, unless he or she  
12 abandons the property, may remain in possession of the mortgaged premises and be  
13 entitled to all rents, issues, and profits therefrom to the date of confirmation of the  
14 sale by the court. When the plaintiff so elects, judgment shall be entered as provided  
15 in this chapter, except that no judgment for deficiency may be ordered nor separately  
16 rendered against any party who is personally liable for the debt secured by the  
17 mortgage and the sale of the mortgaged premises shall be made upon the expiration  
18 of 3 months from the date when the judgment is entered. Notice of the time and place  
19 of sale shall be given under ss. 815.31 and 846.16 (1) and may be given within the  
20 3-month period, except that the first printing of the notice shall not be made less  
21 than one month after the date when the judgment is entered.

22 **SECTION 10.** 846.16 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 **846.16 (title) Notice and report of sale; confirmation; transfer.**

24 **SECTION 11.** 846.16 (1) (title) of the statutes is created to read:

25 **846.16 (1) (title) NOTICE OF SALE AND SALE.**

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1           **SECTION 12.** 846.16 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 846.16 (1) (a) and  
2 amended to read:

3           846.16 (1) (a) The sheriff or referee who makes sale of mortgaged premises,  
4 under a judgment therefor, shall give notice of the time and place of sale in the  
5 manner provided by law for the sale of real estate upon execution or in such other  
6 manner as the court shall in the judgment direct; ~~where.~~ The sheriff or referee shall  
7 include in the notice of sale the street address, if any, of the real estate to be sold and  
8 the sum of the judgment. If the department of veterans affairs is also a party in the  
9 foreclosure action, the judgment shall direct that notice of sale be given by registered  
10 mail, return receipt requested, to the department at Madison, Wisconsin, at least 3  
11 weeks prior to the date of sale, but such requirement does not affect any other  
12 provision as to giving notice of sale. ~~Except as provided in sub. (3) and s. 846.167,~~  
13 ~~the sheriff or referee shall, within 10 days thereafter, file with the clerk of the court~~  
14 ~~a report of the sale, and shall also immediately after the sale first deduct any fee due~~  
15 ~~under s. 77.22 (1); then deposit that fee, a return under s. 77.22 and the deed with~~  
16 ~~the clerk of the court for transmittal to the register of deeds; then deduct the costs~~  
17 ~~and expenses of the sale, unless the court orders otherwise, and then deposit with~~  
18 ~~the clerk of the court the proceeds of the sale ordered by the court.~~ The  
19 Upon the sale  
20 of the mortgaged premises and upon compliance with its terms, the sheriff or referee  
21 shall make and execute to the purchaser, the purchaser's assigns, or personal  
22 representatives a deed of the premises sold that includes each parcel of land sold to  
the purchaser and the purchase price.

23           (c) 1. Except as provided under subd. 2., the sheriff or referee may not accept  
24 from the purchaser at such sale as a deposit or down payment upon the same not less  
25 than \$100, in which case such amount shall be so deposited with as a deposit or down



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1 payment from the purchaser at a sale of mortgaged premises. The sheriff or referee  
2 shall deliver the amount of the deposit or down payment to the clerk of the court as  
3 above provided, in par. (b), and the purchaser shall pay the balance of the sale price  
4 shall be paid to the clerk by the purchaser at such sale of court upon the confirmation  
5 thereof of the sale. If the highest bid is less than \$100, the whole amount thereof shall  
6 be so deposited sheriff or referee shall deliver the entire amount.

7 **SECTION 13.** 846.16 (1) (c) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

8 846.16 (1) (c) 3. In all cases, the purchaser at the sale of the mortgaged premises  
9 shall pay the cost of sale.

10 **SECTION 14.** 846.16 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 846.16 (1) (c) 2. and  
11 amended to read:

12 846.16 (1) (c) 2. If the judgment creditor is the purchaser at the sale of the  
13 mortgaged premises, the judgment creditor may give his or her the judgment  
14 creditor's receipt to the sheriff or referee for any sum not exceeding the judgment  
15 creditor's judgment and such. The judgment creditor's receipt shall be deemed is  
16 considered a down payment, but in every case the purchaser shall pay the cost of sale;  
17 and if the sum due the creditor. If the judgment creditor is the purchaser and the  
18 judgment amount is less than the purchase price, the judgment creditor shall pay the  
19 difference to the sheriff or referee at the time of sale.

20 **SECTION 15.** 846.16 (2m) (title) of the statutes is created to read:

21 846.16 (2m) (title) CONFIRMATION.

22 **SECTION 16.** 846.16 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 846.16 (1) (b), and 846.16  
23 (1) (b) (intro.), as renumbered, is amended to read:

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1           846.16 (1) (b) (intro.) ~~If the mortgaged premises are located in a county having~~  
2           ~~a population of 750,000 or more, no~~ No later than 10 days after the sale of the  
3           mortgaged premises, the sheriff or referee shall do all of the following:

4           **SECTION 17.** 846.16 (3m) (title) of the statutes is created to read:

5           846.16 (3m) (title) TRANSMITTAL TO REGISTER OF DEEDS.

6           **SECTION 18.** 846.16 (3m) (a) 1. and 2. of the statutes are created to read:

7           846.16 (3m) (a) 1. Deliver the deed to the mortgaged premises received under  
8           sub. (1) (b), the receipt for submitting a transfer return under s. 77.22, any certificate,  
9           waiver, or stipulation required under s. 101.122, the amount due under s. 59.43 (2)  
10          to record the deed and any other document required to record the deed, and the  
11          transfer fee, if any, to the register of deeds.

12          2. Notify the register of deeds that the deed to the mortgaged premises received  
13          under sub. (1) (b), the receipt for submitting a transfer return under s. 77.22, any  
14          certificate, waiver, or stipulation required under s. 101.122, the amount due under  
15          s. 59.43 (2) to record the deed and any other document required to record the deed,  
16          and the transfer fee, if any, are available in the clerk's office. If a register of deeds  
17          is notified under this subdivision, the register of deeds shall retrieve the documents  
18          and fees from the clerk of courts within a reasonable period of time.

19          **SECTION 19.** 846.16 (3m) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

20          846.16 (3m) (b) Upon confirmation of the sale, the deed executed under sub.  
21          (1) (a) shall vest in the purchaser, the purchaser's assigns, or personal  
22          representatives all the right, title, and interest of the mortgagor, the mortgagor's  
23          heirs, personal representatives, and assigns in and to the premises sold and shall be  
24          a bar to all claim, right of equity of redemption therein, of and against the parties to  
25          such action, their heirs, and personal representatives, and against all persons

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1 claiming under them subsequent to the filing of the notice of the pendency of the  
2 action in which such judgment was rendered; and the purchaser, the purchaser's  
3 heirs, or assigns shall be let into the possession of the premises so sold on production  
4 of such deed or a duly certified copy thereof, and the court may, if necessary, issue a  
5 writ of assistance to deliver such possession.

6 **SECTION 20.** 846.16 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

7 846.16 (4) NO CONFIRMATION OF SALE; RESALE. (a) If any of the requirements  
8 under sub. (2m) are not satisfied and the purchaser is not the judgment creditor, the  
9 court shall order the purchaser to forfeit the amount of the purchaser's deposit or  
10 down payment and that amount shall be paid to the parties who would be entitled  
11 to the proceeds of the sale as ordered by the court. The court shall also order that  
12 the mortgaged premises be resold. The clerk of court shall destroy the deed executed  
13 to the defaulting purchaser and it shall be of no effect.

14 (b) If any of the requirements under sub. (2m) are not satisfied and the  
15 purchaser is the judgment creditor, the court may order the purchaser to forfeit the  
16 greater of the purchaser's deposit or \$500, and order the purchaser to comply with  
17 sub. (2) so that the mortgaged property may be sold to the purchaser.

18 (c) If the court does not confirm the sale of the mortgaged premises for a reason  
19 other than a failure to satisfy a requirement under sub. (2m), the clerk of court shall  
20 return the deposit or down payment to the purchaser and order the mortgaged  
21 premises to be resold. The clerk of court shall destroy the deed received under sub.  
22 (1) (b) and it shall be of no effect.

23 **SECTION 21.** 846.167 (title) and (1) of the statutes are repealed.

24 **SECTION 22.** 846.167 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 846.16 (2m)  
25 (intro.) and amended to read:

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1           846.16 **(2m)** (intro.) If a sheriff or referee makes a sale of mortgaged premises  
2       ~~located in a county~~ under a judgment of foreclosure and sale, all of the following  
3       apply:

4           **SECTION 23.** 846.167 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 846.16 (2m) (a).

5           **SECTION 24.** 846.167 (2) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 846.16 (2m) (b), and  
6       846.16 (2m) (b) 2. a., as renumbered, is amended to read:

7           846.16 **(2m)** (b) 2. a. The deed to the mortgaged premises delivered under s.  
8       ~~846.16 sub. (1) (b).~~

9           **SECTION 25.** 846.167 (2) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 846.16 (2m) (c).

10          **SECTION 26.** 846.167 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 846.16 (3m) (a) (intro.)  
11       and amended to read:

12          846.16 **(3m)** (a) (intro.) Upon the court confirming the sale of mortgaged  
13       premises located in a county and upon compliance by the purchaser with the terms  
14       of the sale and the payment of any balance of the sale price to be paid, unless  
15       otherwise ordered by the court, the clerk of ~~the court~~ shall do one of the following to  
16       transmit the deed to the mortgaged premises received under s. ~~846.16, sub. (1) (b)~~  
17       ~~the receipt for submitting a transfer return under s. 77.22, any certificate, waiver,~~  
18       ~~or stipulation required under s. 101.122, the amount due under s. 59.43 (2) to record~~  
19       ~~the deed and any other document required to record the deed, and the transfer fee,~~  
20       ~~if any, to the register of deeds of the county.~~ for recording:

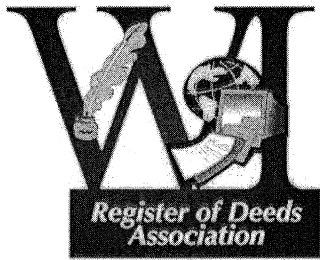
21          **SECTION 27.** 846.17 of the statutes is repealed.

22          **SECTION 28. Initial applicability.**

23          (1) This act first applies to a sale of mortgaged premises held by a sheriff or  
24       referee that occurs on the effective date of this subsection.

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(END)



## ***Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association Legislative Committee***

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<http://www.wrdaonline.org/Index.htm>

Re: **Support Sheriff's Deeds Transmittal to Register of Deeds**

The Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association (WRDA) **supports Sheriff's Deed Transmittal to Register of Deeds**. The Clerk of Courts shall submit the Sheriff's Deed, Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Return, and any other document required to record the deed along with the fees to the Register of Deeds for recording. The current process gives the Sheriff's Deed to the buyer; they may or may not record the deed as there is neither a time limit imposed or a requirement to record. Often the tax rolls and property ownership are not updated in the county records until several months or even years after the sale.

Consider the following:

- **Seamless Foreclosure Process.** With the implementation of the new legislation, the sheriff will hold the sale, the courts will confirm the sale, and the clerk of courts will forward the deed directly to the Register of Deeds for recording.
- **Ownership Record Integrity.** The county ownership records, tax and assessment rolls, county zoning, municipal housing regulations, and state rental weatherization records will show the correct owner on record immediately. This will assist not only these departments in contacting the correct owner regarding property issues but will also assist utility companies, realtors and law enforcement agencies.
- **Previous Owner Liability.** When the deed is not recorded in a timely manner, the tax bill is sent to the owner of record, the person who lost their property. Not only did they lose their home, but they are now receiving tax bills, delinquent notices, compliance notices and other property related notices to a home they no longer own. They have no control over when the deed is recorded and their name is not removed from county ownership records.
- **Unscrupulous Purchasers.** Some Sheriff's deed purchasers choose not to record the deed; they do not pay municipal or county taxes and fees nor do they follow the standard landlord requirements. They collect rent but do not make necessary improvements to the property to ensure the safety of their renters.
- **Unkept Property.** Unkept properties lead to declining property values to the entire neighborhood, animal and bug infestation, health issues, as well as neighbor complaints to the municipal, county and law enforcement personnel.
- **Increased Crime.** Statistics show that unkept property leads to higher crime rates including squatters, drug houses, and vandalism. When a home is sold on Sheriff's sale, it is publically noticed, criminals look for these homes to steal plumbing and electrical items, and conduct criminal activity.

For these reasons, **the WRDA strongly supports Sheriff's Deed Transmittal to Register of Deeds**. We ask that you work with us to ensure the current owner of foreclosed property sale is on record after confirmation and all funds have been received by the courts. This protects the integrity of the county land records, holds the correct owner responsible for any taxes, zoning and health issue that could affect the citizens of Wisconsin.