

Desired Outcome: The Columbia Community Land Trust will develop a mode of operation that allows it to maintain and expand its portfolio of affordable homes in times when state and federal funding may become less available.

2025-2026 Goals

1. Include in monthly meetings brief informational presentations to ensure that Board members have a shared understanding of the CCLT's history, mission, methods, possibilities, and accomplishments.
2. In conjunction with these sessions, develop a CCLT Board Member Training Manual.
3. Host events that give Columbia citizens a clearer understanding of CCLT's mission, methods, and accomplishments.
4. Establish a Friends of the Community Land Trust support group to facilitate communications with potential donors and encourage donations.
5. Improve the online presence of the CCLT and keep the information presented up to date.
6. Develop a plan for working with neighborhood groups to identify, acquire, and (when practicable) rehabilitate dilapidated and abandoned properties.
7. Review and revise the CCLT Buyer Selection Policy to ensure that it is clearly written and suited to Columbia's particular needs, and that it gives potential donors a clear and compelling picture of who will benefit from their donations and how.
8. As part of that review, study the demographics of present CCLT owners so that we can clearly understand what demographic groups are benefitting from CCLT activities.
9. Work closely with city staff and the city council to ensure that the CCLT can be a capable and efficient partner in the development of properties that the City may place in its proposed land bank.
10. To that end, and until the CCLT is in a position to hire an independent director and staff, partner with more experienced development organizations, like the Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) that can offer administrative support.