

## Vinelanders Community Land Trust

A Partner to the Kansas City Urban Core Affordable Housing Solution

Who we are and how we will do it:

Vinelanders Community Land Trust is the first Self- Build Community Land Trust Organization in the nation. We were established for the sole purpose of providing homes for the deprived lower and middle income urban residents in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas. We are a 501 c 3 non-profit organization that incorporates the self-build concept, and our mission is to build affordable eco-friendly homes. Our self- build components of the organization consist of:

- Blue Print/Cad Purchase
- Lot Purchase
- Storage expenses for construction material
- In house education workshops i.e green technology benefits & uses, cultural awareness

And after homeownership support:

- Property Taxes
- Maintenance Expenses

Through the self-build concept, VCLT will improvise critical homeownership need for the urban residents who don't fit the traditional criteria to qualify for homeownership through the banking industry, (example, elderly, immigrants, veterans and disable residents referring to the caretakers). The residents want to alleviate the burden of remaining in apartment complexes and home that no longer support their needs.

These homes in our two cities are over 100 years old, there're outdated and are contaminated with black mold, asbestos peeling lead paint, and

other dangerous toxins. These homes can't support the current technology that will bring their lifestyle into the 21<sup>st</sup> century referring back to the examples given earlier. VCLT intend to start small and progress our way forward as the first self-build group in the nation. In order to continue to move forward we're seeking support through generous contributions, donations, and grants etc.

Vinelanders Community Land Trust was established to be a long term solutions to the affordable homeownership in the greater Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas area. We're pursuing and will maintain a working relationship with our elected leaders and community leaders regardless of their political interest to work as one. We want to bring forth this "other" solution to a dilemma that Kansas City and along with the nation and that is affordable homeownership.

In conclusion Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas will be a strong community with affordable homeownership opportunities for all.