LCC TO PARTNER IN Restoration Works!
College teams with Ingham County Land Bank and Allen Neighborhood Center to restore homes

LANING – Lansing Community College, Ingham County Land Bank, and the Allen Neighborhood Center have partnered on Restoration Works! a home restoration project on Lansing’s Eastside. The official launch took place at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, November 4 at 1501 E. Kalamazoo Street, corner of Lathrop St. Restoration Works is a Home Restoration and Neighborhood Stabilization Project, centering on restoration of two foreclosed Land Bank houses, located at 1501 and 1512 E. Kalamazoo Street, which were scheduled for demolition. Work will be done by LCC Environment, Design and Building Technologies Department (EDBT) students, part of LCC’s Technical Careers Division.

“This is a tremendous way for students to learn and demonstrate their building trades skills while contributing to the viability of their community,” said George Berghorn, LCC EDBT Director. “We are hopeful that this is just the first of a series of Restoration Works! projects in which we can partner and participate.”

The Allen Neighborhood Center (ANC) will utilize the two houses to 1) promote restoration throughout the Eastside, 2) provide instruction, inspiration and practical models for do-it-yourselfers interested in renovating older Eastside homes, and 3) work with residents to strengthen and stabilize the abutting residential neighborhoods.

Ingham County Land Bank, a not-for-profit county based economic development authority with a focus on neighborhood revitalization and owners of the properties, in conjunction with the City of Lansing, has prioritized neighborhoods and corridors for stabilization and preservation. The Land Bank has identified the East Kalamazoo Corridor as well as East Michigan Avenue as areas of affordable housing with transit links which are key to density and provide great strengths to build upon.

LCC’s EDBT faculty will utilize the two houses to engage LCC students in a real-world integrated sustainable construction project as the laboratory component of their education.
Plans are to offer frequent tours of the two houses, announcements of workshops and classes that correspond to restoration work being done in the houses, and an exciting, informational website.

For further information, call Allen Neighborhood Center at 367-2468 or email joann@allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

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