

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §31-18E-3

## §31-18E-3. Definitions.

As used in this article:

- (1) "Board" means the board of directors of a land reuse agency;
- (2) "Deconstruct" means to attempt to remove salvageable pieces of a housing unit prior to or as part of demolition or renovation;
- (3) "Financial institution" means a bank, savings association, operating subsidiary of a bank or savings association, credit union, association licensed to originate mortgage loans or an assignee of a mortgage or note originated by such an institution;
- (4) "Land reuse agency" means a public body established under this article;
- (5) "Land reuse jurisdiction" means: (A) A county or municipality in this state; or (B) two or more municipalities or counties that enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement to establish and maintain a land reuse agency;
- (6) "Municipal land bank" means a department or agency of a municipality, or an entity lawfully created by a municipality, engaged in activities designed to address issues related to vacant, abandoned and tax-delinquent real property, including but not limited to, the purchase, rehabilitation, improvement or sale of such properties for the purpose of eliminating blight and returning those properties to productive use.
- (7) "Municipality" means a municipality as defined in section two, article one, chapter eight of this code; and
- (8) "Real property" means all lands, including improvements and fixtures on them and property of any nature appurtenant to them or used in connection with them and every estate, interest and right, legal or equitable, in them, including terms of years and liens by way of judgment, mortgage or otherwise, and indebtedness secured by the liens.