



# Wayne Co. auction aims to unload 6,000 homes

Some Detroit streets have many for sale

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When Khalida Kakoz moved to Detroit 37 years ago, West Robinwood Street was filled with friends and family from back home in Iraq.

Now, nearly every house on the 60-year-old woman's street has been abandoned, burned or torn down. In the middle of the day, prostitutes walk along John R and cars zoom down the road as if it were a freeway.

Except for a few residents still hanging on by their teeth, West Robinwood Street is empty. It's also for sale.

The Wayne County Treasurer's Office is auctioning off about 6,000 tax-foreclosed prop-

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erties in a sort of closed-bid fire sale that ends Monday. The parcels, including 20 on the half-mile stretch of West Robinwood between Woodward and John R, are nearly all properties that didn't sell in the 2011 auctions. The starting bid for a house is \$500. For a vacant lot, it's \$200. There is no deposit required to enter a bid. The auction started last month.

Although the properties are located throughout the county, most are in destabilized Detroit neighborhoods, some of which have no block clubs or other groups to advocate for them.

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