

Using LotLinker.com

Locate properties potentially eligible for
the City of Dayton Lot Links program

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What is Lot Links?

- A partnership between individual citizens or developers, the City of Dayton and Montgomery County.
- A tax foreclosure program that provides a way to bring vacant and abandoned tax delinquent properties back into productive use via acquisition of:
 - Vacant lots for yard or home expansion, building a garage, urban gardens, etc.
 - Housing stock for rehab or demolition and new housing construction
 - Commercial properties for rehab and reuse.

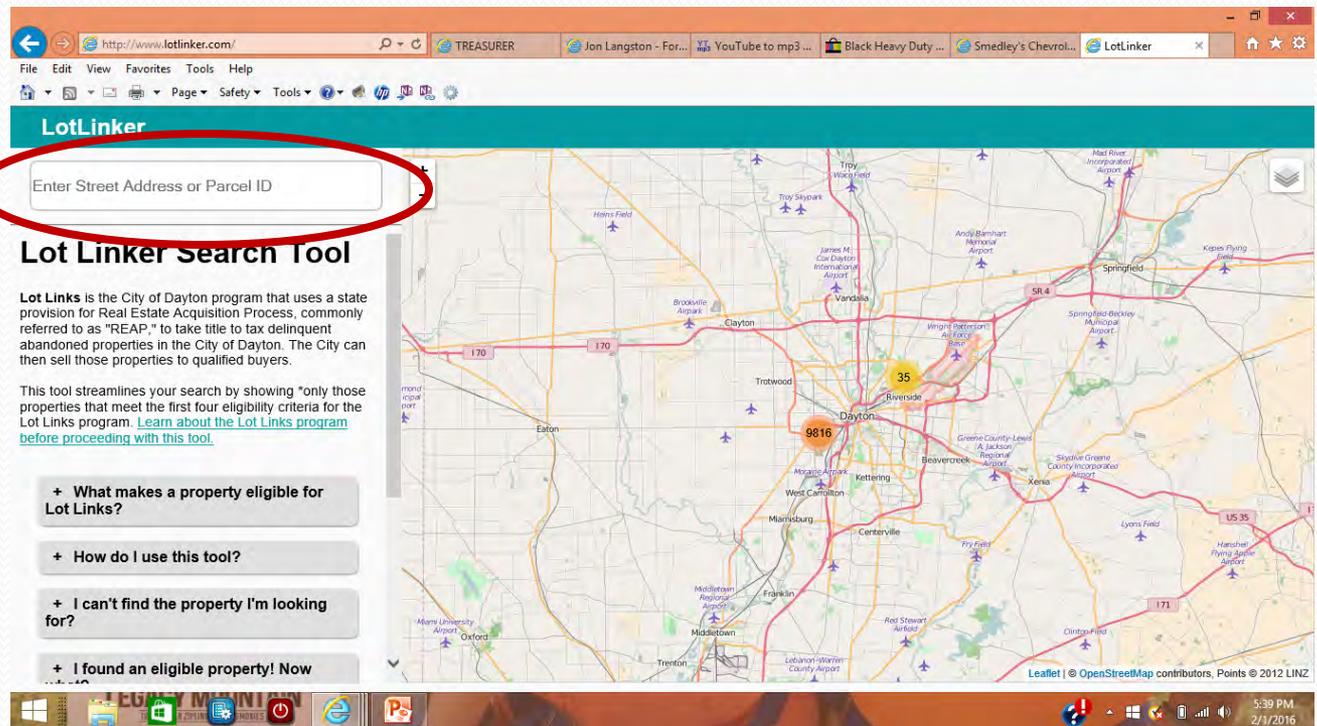
What are the eligible property criteria?

- Property must be in the city of Dayton
- Property must be at least two years in arrears on taxes
- Property cannot have had the tax lien sold
- Property cannot have an active delinquent tax payment contract between the owner and the Treasurer
- Property cannot already have a tax foreclosure in process by someone else
- Property must be unoccupied/vacant and abandoned
 - No active utilities (DP&L, Vectren, Water, etc.)
 - Not actively listed for sale.

How can I find properties that are potentially eligible?

- Go to www.lotlinker.com, a site created for the City by Code For Dayton

This is where you would enter a particular address or parcel number to find out if it is potentially eligible.



The screenshot shows the LotLinker website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder text "Enter Street Address or Parcel ID". Below the search bar, the text "Lot Linker Search Tool" is displayed. To the right of the search bar is a map of the Dayton area, showing various airports and city boundaries. The map includes labels for airports such as Troy, Dayton, and Springfield. The search bar is highlighted with a red oval, and a red arrow points to it from the text on the left. Below the search bar, there are four expandable sections: "What makes a property eligible for Lot Links?", "How do I use this tool?", "I can't find the property I'm looking for?", and "I found an eligible property! Now...". The website is viewed in a browser window with the URL "http://www.lotlinker.com/" visible in the address bar.

If you don't have a particular address in mind but want to see what is potentially eligible:

http://www.lotlinker.com/

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Enter Street Address or Parcel ID

Lot Linker Search Tool

Lot Links is the City of Dayton program that uses a state provision for Real Estate Acquisition Process, commonly referred to as "REAP," to take title to tax delinquent abandoned properties in the City of Dayton. The City can then sell those properties to qualified buyers.

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- + What makes a property eligible for Lot Links?
- + How do I use this tool?
- + I can't find the property I'm looking for?
- + I found an eligible property! Now what?

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Click on these bubbles to narrow down to a particular area or street that interests you...the numbers represent how many potentially eligible properties are located in that area.

What do the blue balloons mean?

The screenshot shows the LotLinker website interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the text "Enter Street Address or Parcel ID". Below it, the address "1153 1157 W 3RD ST" and parcel ID "R72 08407 0009" are displayed. There are two links: "View Property on Treasurer's Site" and "View Property on GIS Site".

The main section is titled "Lot Linker Search Tool". It contains a paragraph explaining the program: "Lot Links is the City of Dayton program that uses a state provision for Real Estate Acquisition Process, commonly referred to as 'REAP,' to take title to tax delinquent abandoned properties in the City of Dayton. The City can then sell those properties to qualified buyers." Below this is another paragraph: "This tool streamlines your search by showing *only those properties that meet the first four eligibility criteria for the Lot Links program. [Learn about the Lot Links program before proceeding with this tool.](#)"

At the bottom of the search tool section, there are two buttons: "+ What makes a property eligible for Lot Links?" and "+ How do I use this tool?".

The map shows a grid of streets including West 1st Street, West 2nd Street, West 3rd Street, North Broadway Street, French Lane, and North Williams Street. There are several blue balloons (leaf icons) and house icons scattered across the map. Two blue balloons are circled in red, and red arrows point from them to the explanatory text on the right. One house icon is also circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to its explanatory text.

A leaf icon means there is no structure; it is a vacant lot.

A house icon means there is a structure on the property. It could be a house or apartment or a commercial structure.

What do the red balloons mean?

The screenshot shows the LotLinker website interface. On the left, there is a search bar with the text "Enter Street Address or Parcel ID". Below it, the address "1505 W 2ND ST" and parcel ID "R72 08307 0059" are displayed. There are two links: "View Property on Treasurer's Site" and "View Property on GIS Site". A message states: "This property has been claimed. It is not available at this time." Below this is the "Lot Linker Search Tool" section, which includes a description of the program and two expandable sections: "+ What makes a property eligible for Lot Links?" and "+ How do I use this tool?". The main part of the screenshot is a map showing a grid of streets including Edison Street, West 1st Street, West 2nd Street, French Lane, North Conover Street, and North Paul Luning Street. A red balloon icon with a white 'X' is circled in red on the map, pointing to a specific property. A red arrow points from the text on the right towards this red balloon icon. The bottom of the screenshot shows a Windows taskbar with the Cortana search bar and various application icons, along with a system tray showing the time as 9:20 PM on 9/6/2016.

Another applicant has already submitted an application for that property (do not submit an application for that property, it will be returned to you).

What if the property I'm interested in doesn't come up on the Lot Linker tool?

This means that the property doesn't fit one or more of the eligibility requirements (do not submit an application, it will be returned to you).

The screenshot shows the LotLinker web application interface. At the top, the browser address bar displays 'http://www.lotlinker.com/'. Below the header, a search input field contains the address 'R72 14611 0062'. A red circle highlights a message box that reads: 'No Lot Links eligible properties were found. If you provided a complete address, then the property is not eligible for Lot Links at this time.' Below this message, there are four expandable sections: '+ What makes a property eligible for Lot Links?', '+ How do I use this tool?', '+ I can't find the property I'm looking for?', and '+ I found an eligible property! Now what?'. At the bottom left, there is a link to 'go to City of Dayton Lot Links' and a disclaimer: '*The data for this tool comes directly from the Montgomery County Treasurer's Office database, which is updated at the end of every month. The county's data was last queried for LotLinker on Sat Sep 3 12:17:58 EDT 2016.' The right side of the screenshot shows a map of the Dayton area with various airports and landmarks labeled, such as 'Dayton International Airport' and 'Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport'.

What should I do after finding a potentially eligible property on the Lot Linker tool?

You must verify the final criteria, which is something the tool cannot do for you. ***You must personally take actions to confirm that the property is vacant and abandoned before submitting an application.*** You must visit the property. It is recommended you do this during the day and again at night, on a weekday and on the weekend; look for activity or lights that would indicate someone is living there. Knock on the door; knock on neighbors' doors and ask if the property is vacant. Check the internet for evidence the property is actively listed for sale on sites like Trulia, Zillow, or Realtor.com. Check with utility providers to make sure there is no active utility consumption/service. ***If you submit an application for a property and it is then confirmed that the property is not vacant and abandoned, you will lose half of your deposit.***