PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
A significant reality facing cities is reduced federal and local public funding to address housing and community needs, including population loss in the central core. The Scattered Sites Guidebook for Infill Lot Improvement Strategies offers ideas, pricing and available resources for communities to build upon.

The guidebook outlines strategies and cost considerations to turn vacant sites into productive properties that complement Kansas City's long-term development objectives. The guidebook demonstrates how community grassroots efforts can use vacant land in neighborhoods to promote entrepreneurship and offers ideas for engagement. The guidebook covers whether a property should be developed or preserved as open space; basic cleanup and maintenance; infrastructure and native tree planting; community gardens; rain gardens; gathering spaces to educate community members on healthy environments; construction techniques to address stormwater, combined sewer and flooding issues; farmer’s markets; and community infill improvement projects.

PROJECT GOALS:
- Shift public opinion about vacant lots in urban neighborhoods, from community burdens to opportunity.
- Provide strategies and facilitate development.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS AND LESSONS LEARNED:
Access to clean, natural space is a vital component of healthy urban communities. This guidebook demonstrates how community grassroots efforts can use vacant land in the neighborhood to help promote entrepreneurship and offers engagement ideas. These strategies focus on empowering Kansas Citians to improve their quality of life and restore the urban core.

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