In Pittsburgh, there are approximately 35,000 distressed properties. 20% of these are tax delinquent. This covers approximately 5,700 acres, which is 25% of all the city's land parcels.

It would cost the city $20 million annually just to maintain these properties, but that doesn't actually solve the problem.

How does this affect me? Problems like...
- Taxes
- Mortgages
- Liens

A lot of these properties are "under water," which means that the legal and financial problems outweigh their property value.

If you live within 500 ft of a vacant property, your property value goes down by about 15%.

The risk of fire, crime rates, and public health rates all decrease, while pest increase.  And we can't find the owners!