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**Westland joins unprecedented coalition of 15 Metro Detroit cities, REALTORS, lenders, civic leaders, elected officials and non-profits teaming to sell 100 dream homes at bargain prices**

*Local, federal aid available to eligible buyers on first-come, first-served basis*

The City of Westland is part of an unprecedented coalition of REALTORS, lenders, non-profits, civic leaders, government policymakers and local elected officials who are working to sell at least 100 beautifully renovated foreclosed homes and newly built houses valued at \$50,000 to \$150,000 during 2011 in 15 Metro Detroit communities to low- and moderate-income buyers.

A home at 1457 Gloria in Westland was one of two newly restored properties highlighted recently at a press conference to launch the campaign. Mayor William R. Wild, City Councilman Adam Hammons, state Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) and Community Development Director Joanne Inglis were among the officials who participated in the media event.

Westland is teaming with the Michigan Association of REALTORS (MAR) and Home Renewal Systems to sell the homes, which are available to buyers who have a minimum income of at least \$1,200 per month (minimum income can include employment, social security, alimony and child support.) As part of the coalition effort, Home Renewal Systems and the City of Westland offer free education seminars that guide buyers through the purchase process. For qualified buyers, down payment assistance and credit counseling services are available through several government programs. To learn more, contact a local REALTOR, call Home Renewal Systems toll free at 1-866-996-9754 or visit <http://www.homerenewalmi.com>.

“This partnership is a crucial element in our efforts to revitalize and rebuild communities in Metro Detroit and across Michigan,” said Michigan Association of REALTORS President Claire Williams. “By rehabilitating and returning foreclosed or abandoned properties to the affordable housing stock, we create more opportunities to improve the quality of life for families and ensure communities flourish as safe and appealing places in which to live.”

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