

2024 Upset Sale
Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 10:00 A.M
Washington County Fairgrounds
4-H Building, 2151 N. Main Street, Washington, PA 15301

SALE REGISTRATION

Effective as of August 2021 per Act 33: ALL Prospective Bidders are required to pre-register at least 10 days prior to the sale date. **Registration for the Washington County 2024 Upset Sale will take place at the Washington County Tax Claim Bureau located at 95 W. Beau St., Ste. 525, Washington, PA 15301 beginning at 9:00 A.M, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024.** Registration will conclude on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 at **4:00 P.M.** Only complete applications, with all required registration materials will be accepted - **DO NOT DROP OFF INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Before registering for any sale, you are advised to read and review the included *Sale Conditions & Instructions* provided with all registration materials.

FORMS & FEES REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION:

1	\$25.00 Registration Fee (Cash Only – Non-Refundable)
2	Bidder Registry Form
3	Copy of Valid Photo Identification Card or Driver's License
4	Affidavit of Bidder
5	Affidavit of Non-Bidding Potential Owner <i>(If Applicable)</i>

IF REGISTERING AS A BUSINESS, CORPORATION, OR LLC:

7	Copy of IRS Form SS-4
8	List of names, business addresses, and phone numbers for all members, officers, managers, partners, and/or any other persons with any ownership or right (attach separate list to bidder registry).

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Washington County Tax Claim Bureau does review each name and/or business name prior to the sale. In addition to general background checks to ensure there are no outstanding housing code violations within the last 3 years, we also submit our bidder lists to all other Tax Claim Bureaus in the Commonwealth of PA, all municipal authorities in Washington County, and all Third Party Delinquent Tax Collectors (Portnoff, Andrews & Price, Keystone Collections Group, Inc.).

If you would like to pre-pay for an updated list of properties to be sold on the day of the sale, the cost is \$10.00 per list. You must pre-pay for as many lists as you would like DURING REGISTRATION. If you do not pre-pay for a list, we may NOT have extras to sell at the auction.

SALE LISTS & OPENING BID AMOUNTS

The Washington County Tax Claim Bureau updates the 2024 Upset Sale List periodically on the county website: www.washingtoncopa.gov. **Please be advised that parcel owners have the right to redemption if they redeem their delinquencies in full before the sale of their property, including up and until, their parcel is sold at the live auction.** For this reason, our department cannot guarantee that any desired parcel on this list will be exposed for sale on the day of the Upset Sale.

BUYER BEWARE: ALL properties are being offered for sale by the Washington County Tax Claim Bureau without any representation, warranty or guarantee whatsoever, either as to the existence, to correctness of ownership, the size, boundaries, location, structures, condition of structure(s) or lack of structure(s) upon the lands, liens, title or any other matter or thing whatsoever.

It is highly recommended that you research each property that you intend to buy at any tax sale. Title searching services are NOT provided to potential buyers through the Washington County Tax Claim Bureau, however, you may hire a title searcher to complete a search on any property independently. At Upset Tax Sales specifically, you may be responsible for any liens, judgements, mortgages, state/federal liens, unpaid taxes, unpaid municipal bills, etc. – even if they are not certified to us by lienholders to be added into the opening bid amounts. It is EXTREMELY important that you do your research before purchasing anything. If you are unsure, ask an experienced real estate attorney for legal advice. **For attorney referral, please call the Washington County Bar Association at (724) 255-6710.**

SALE PROCEDURES & BIDDING

As mentioned above, you **MUST** pre-register for the sale during the given registration period above. If you are not registered, you cannot register on the day of the sale. There are no refunds given on the paid \$25.00 registration fee, regardless if you attend or do not attend.

REFUNDS will not be processed to an accidental bid or change of decision. If you rescind your successful bid on a property, you may be banned permanently from ever attending any future Washington County Tax Claim Bureau sales.

BID PAYMENTS will be collected IN FULL at the Washington County Treasurer located at 95 W. Beau St., Ste. 130, Washington, PA 15301 by 3:00 P.M. the day of the sale. If payment is not received to complete the purchase, the bidder understands they will be permanently banned from attending or participating in any future sales in Washington County. Bid Money will be accepted in the form of cash, certified or cashier's check, money order, or Attorney's check. All checks should be made payable to the Washington County Tax Claim Bureau. No Personal Checks will be accepted for Bid Payments.

TRANSFER TAXES are calculated on the Fair Market Value of the property and will be included in the opening bid price of each parcel. Recording Fees are also included in the opening bid prices of each parcel.

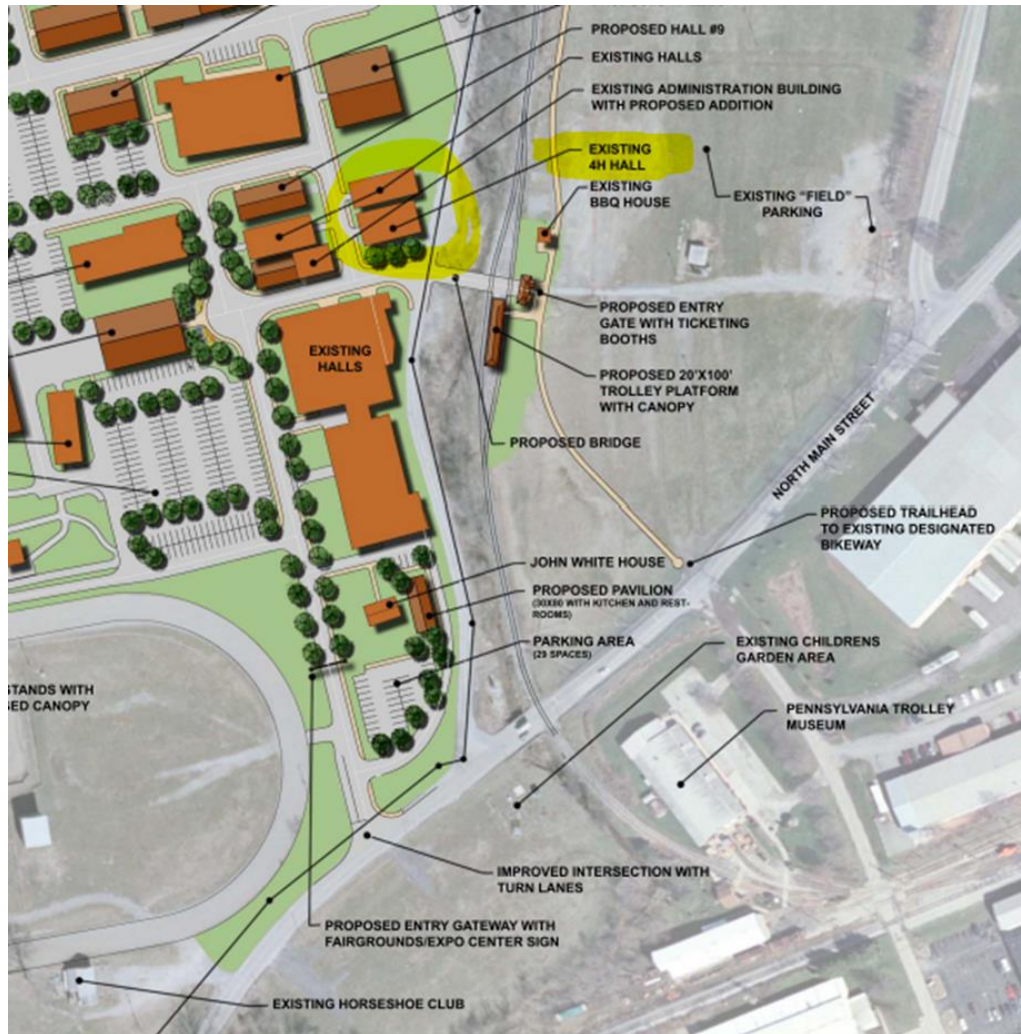
DEEDS

Deeds will not be recorded in the Washington County Recorder of Deeds' Office until the sale is confirmed absolute by the Washington County Court of Common Pleas. This may mean that deeds may not be issued until mid-January 2025 or early February 2025. When deeds are recorded, deed(s) will be mailed to the address provided on the Bidder Registry form by First-Class, USPS mail.

Your tax bill address for the parcel you purchase will be the address provided on your Bidder Registry form submitted at registration. This address will appear under the Certificate of Residence portion of the tax claim deed. If you would like to change your address after the deed is recorded to a different address, please call the Washington County Tax Revenue Department at (724) 228-6850 for more information about Address Change Requests and how to submit them properly.

SALE LOCATION

Our sale will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds, in the 4-H Hall/Building, 2151 N. Main St, Washington, PA 15301. Parking is available in various areas of the fairgrounds, but the closest parking area is located near the Administration Building. **Please be advised that the Washington County Fairgrounds requires us to provide an estimated number of seats needed prior to the tax sale. Space is limited - we will have ample enough seating for bidders, but please refrain from bringing large groups with you to the sale.** Please refer to the map below:



If you have any questions or need directions to the Fairgrounds, please call the Washington County Fairgrounds administration at (724) 225-7718.

OTHER IMPORTANT BIDDER INFORMATION

ENTRANCE TO ANY PROPERTY PURCHASED IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED UNTIL A DEED IS RECEIVED. The present owner has the rights and responsibilities of the property until the deed is recorded in the purchaser's name. NO rights of ownership are transferred until that time. The Washington County Tax Claim Bureau does not maintain any property sold at the auction in any way - keys to properties are NOT provided.

To avoid issues with title, quiet title action is heavily encouraged. If you are seeking advice for evictions, ejections, quiet title action, or any other tax claim related legal questions, please call the Washington County Bar Association for attorney referral at (724)255-6710. The Washington County Tax Claim Bureau cannot give legal advice.