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Dear Friends,

After much consideration, we have made the difficult decision to cease active development and maintenance of Clean & Green Philly by the end of July 2025. While this marks the end of our operations, we remain incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together, grateful for your support, and optimistic about the lasting impact our work will have.

Since our founding in 2023, Clean & Green Philly has grown beyond our initial vision of helping Philadelphians target interventions in vacant properties to reduce gun violence. We've assembled an unparalleled dataset of the city's more than 500,000 parcels, integrating dozens of local and national data sources. We've heard time and again how useful these data are, and have seen the scope of the project expand as volunteers and partners have sought to apply our data in new, creative ways.

Our accomplishments speak to the power of community-driven, open-source collaboration. More than 200 volunteers have contributed to this project over its lifetime, supported by Code for Philly and the Center for Philadelphia's Urban Future. We've been honored with awards from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and HopePHL, and have given testimony to Philadelphia City Council. Most importantly, we created a resource demonstrating the potential of a more strategic approach to improving Philadelphia's built environment.

Yet, as interest in our project grew, the demands outstripped what was possible to maintain in a volunteer-only capacity, especially now that the City of Philadelphia no longer provides accurate vacancy data. To truly succeed and scale, Clean & Green Philly would need funding and capacity support beyond what is currently feasible.

While we are ceasing active development, the Clean & Green Philly website, codebase, and dataset will remain accessible indefinitely. We hope this inspires further innovation on these critical issues, and we welcome efforts to build on what we've created.

To everyone who has supported this effort over the past two years, we extend our deepest gratitude. While this chapter is closing, our work demonstrates what is possible when communities come together around shared challenges, and we hope Clean & Green Philly serves as an inspiration for the continued fight to improve Philadelphia's neighborhoods and quality of life for all residents.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

Sincerely,

Nissim, Amanda, and the Clean & Green Philly team