



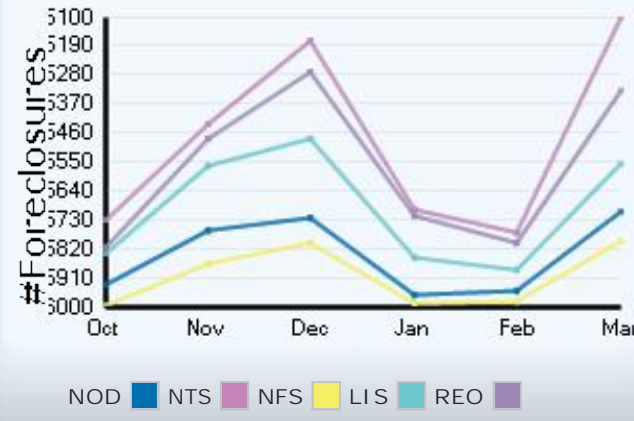
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Purchasing a home or investment property may require more than what your average agent can provide. Call a Real Estate Consultant and Investor who can provide resources to help you get what you want.

Foreclosure Market Trends *Report*

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6 month National Foreclosure Trends



FORECLOSURE ACTIVITY DECREASES 9 PERCENT IN APRIL

Foreclosure filings — default notices, scheduled auctions and bank repossessions — were reported on 333,837 properties in April, a 9 percent decrease from the previous month and a 2 percent decrease from April 2009 — the first annual decrease since January 2006, according to the RealtyTrac U.S. Foreclosure Market Report for April 2010. The report also showed that one in every 387 U.S. housing units received a foreclosure filing during the month. "April was the first month in the history of our report with an annual decrease in U.S. foreclosure activity," said James J. Saccacio, chief executive officer of RealtyTrac.

Tips for Buying REO Properties in 2010

With the number of bank-owned REO properties expected to rise in the summer of 2010, here are 7 Tips that can help you snag a bank-owned property. 1. Hire an REO expert with experience buying bank-owned properties in your local market. RealtyTrac has thousands of agents to choose from in our RealtyTrac Agent Network. 2. Avoid lowball offers. Since most bank-owned properties are being sold at list price or above, a lowball offer will not work in most markets. Consider submitting an offer slightly above list price. 3. Determine the value of the property. You make your money when you buy, not when you sell.

Here are some of the most recent Investment opportunities in the area.



1 Pre-Foreclosure

Greenview Ave
Des Plaines
IL, 60016

Market Value
\$192,500
Beds/Bath
0/2
Default Amount
\$N/A
Sq. FT
1,482

Property Type	Address	Market Value	Default	Sq. Ft.
2 Bank-Owned	Greenleaf St, Skokie, IL 60077	\$198,000	N/A	1,004
3 Auction	Sutherland Pl, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169	\$93,500	N/A	0

Auction Date: 6/7/10

	NATL	IL	COOK CTY
NODs	50,450	0	0
NTSs	117,549	0	0
NFSs	40,556	2,763	1,231
LISs	66,933	7,012	3,018
REOs	91,568	4,424	2,356

Gulf Oil Spill Changes Real Estate Equation

During the past few weeks there's been an argument to be made that portions of the real estate marketplace were beginning to return, an argument that may have to be re-thought as a result of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Across Gulf waters and shorelines that were once pristine we now have the threat of a major environmental disaster. Unless the BP oil leak is soon stopped or slowed, the damage to sea life and shore areas will take years to clean up. No less important, the damage will also be economic: A lot of Gulf Coast real estate will become less valuable each day the spill continues.