125.2803 Designation of property as blighting; powers and duties of municipality.

Sec. 3. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), a city, village, or township may do 1 of the following:
   (a) Designate a structure or lot within its jurisdiction as blighting property and acquire title to the blighting property by purchase, gift, exchange, or condemnation under the procedures set forth in sections 4 through 7, except that a township may take these actions within a village only upon adoption by a village of a resolution under subdivision (c).
   (b) Upon entering into a written agreement with the county within which the city, village, or township is located, adopt a resolution transferring the authority provided in subdivision (a) to that county. The written agreement shall be entered into with the county executive of a county that elects a county executive or with the county board of commissioners of any other county.
   (c) In the case of a village, adopt a resolution transferring the authority provided in subdivision (a) to the township within which the village is located.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), upon adoption by a city, village, or township of a resolution under subsection (1)(b), a county may designate a structure or lot as blighting property and acquire fee simple title in the blighting property by purchase, gift, exchange, or condemnation under the procedures set forth in sections 4 through 7.

(3) A municipality shall not designate a property as blighting property if the property has been forfeited to a county treasurer under section 78g of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78g, and remains subject to foreclosure under section 78k of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78k.

(4) A municipality shall not designate a property as blighting property based solely on the presence of native grasses or plants indigenous to Michigan that are planted or maintained as part of a garden or designated wildlife area or for landscaping, erosion control, or weed control purposes.