



## BEDCo. Top 10 Questions & Answers

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### #1. What is BEDCo?

The Barrett Economic Development Corporation (BEDCo) is local nonprofit run by volunteers. The founders don't get paid. We're here to help Barrett, not make money.

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### #2. Is BEDCo a corporation?

Not like Ford or Walmart. The IRS uses the word "corporation" for nonprofits focused on community development.

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### #3. Does BEDCo have power over my property?

No. BEDCo cannot make or enforce laws. Only the Township Supervisors can do that.

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### #4. Why was BEDCo formed?

Because:

- Canadensis has been sliding downhill for 25+ years.
- Property rules, on the books since 2008, haven't been enforced evenly.
- Neighbors need help with repairs that they can't afford.
- Outside speculators buy land cheap, hide behind LLCs, and let buildings rot.
- Taxes keep climbing.

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### #5. Who runs BEDCo?

Three boards:

- **Directors** – Handle finances.
- **Business Advisory** – Local business owners.
- **Community Advisory** – Local residents (full or part-time).

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## #6. What's the goal?

- Fix up Canadensis.
- Help property owners with needed repairs.
- Grow the local economy in a way that gives opportunity and resources to local residents.
- Push for fair and consistent enforcement.

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## #7. Why propose ordinances?

They were suggestions, not laws. Ideas included:

- Update old 2008 property code.
- Quick fines for trash/junk/weeds.
- Hold absentee owners accountable.
- Make lazy landlords pay when they ignore court orders.
- Last-resort tools for abandoned buildings.
- Repair help for struggling homeowners and small businesses.

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## #8. Is this eminent domain?

No. Eminent domain = government buying property for public use. That is *not* what's being proposed. Conservatorship only applies to abandoned, unsafe buildings when the owner is gone or refuses to act.

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## #9. Why does Barrett need economic development?

Because without new businesses and residents, taxes will keep rising. Growth spreads the load and keeps our town alive.

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## #10. What about Walmart or big box stores?

That's not BEDCo's plan - and it's not BEDCo's decision. The Township controls zoning. The new Community Advisory Board will give residents a say in what types of businesses we should attract.

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### **Bottom line:**

BEDCo is here to bring resources and ideas. It doesn't make laws. Your elected Supervisors do. We want to work *with* you to make Barrett a better place.