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*If you would like to know more about how you can be a land/mineral/oil/gas and/or timber owner in the State of West Virginia, please call the toll free number on this brochure, or you may e-mail [land@wvsao.gov](mailto:land@wvsao.gov).*

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# Land Auction

# ***DID YOU KNOW?***

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## *Did You Know...*

State Auditor Glen B. Gainer III serves as Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands, Ex-Officio. The County Collections Division of the State Auditor's Office has the primary function of returning Delinquent and Nonentered Lands to private ownership. This is accomplished by the redemption of property or by selling the property at auction.

This land sales guide has been developed to assist individuals who wish to participate in the land auctions. Auditor Gainer strongly recommends that land auction participants contact an attorney before bidding on property.

Properties included in land sales (by county) are listed on the State Auditor's web site. To find them, go to [www.wvsao.gov](http://www.wvsao.gov) and click on the County Collections button to find the Land Sale Listings.

- *After 18 months in the Auditor's Office, property/mineral rights are sold at the land auction.*



- *The Sheriff's tax office will hold a tax sale annually for those properties that are delinquent and not yet redeemed.*
- *There is a land auction at your county courthouse every year.*
- *Land auctions are open to the general public.*
- *These sales could include ownership rights to oil and gas, minerals and timber in addition to the land.*
- *In FY 2006, 2,757 tracts or lots were certified by the Auditor's Office. This represented the properties which received no bids at the sheriff's sale.*

- *There are likely thousands of dollars in property to be auctioned in your county.*
- *You can buy land on the internet via our web site by using the Delinquent and Non- Entered Land Bid Forms.*
- *The status of delinquent land can be found on our web site.*
- *You can bid on property AFTER an auction has occurred.*
- *You need to research properties BEFORE the land sale.*
- *You can redeem your property up until the time the deed is issued at the County Clerk's Office.*
- *The notice to redeem form is on our web site, along with many others.*