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App Watch: Finding Rentals, Houses and Foreclosures Nationwide



Visionary Apps

A screen shot of the Complete Foreclosures app from Visionary Apps

Visionary Apps has unveiled a suite of free real-estate iPhone apps for home buyers, renters, sellers and brokers.

The apps, [the Complete Realty Suite](#), promise to “drive a revolution in how people shop for, buy, and sell real estate using the ever-evolving features of their smart phones,” Daniel Burrus, founder of Visionary Apps, said.

[Complete Foreclosures](#) helps prospective buyers find foreclosed homes by price range, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, and other features. The app provides pictures and satellite aerial views as well as driving directions to the homes. It also comes with a foreclosure buying guide that helps buyers navigate through the intricate process of purchasing a foreclosed home.

Users can share updated listings with an embedded email feature, and connect with a nearby foreclosure expert.

Complete Foreclosures, which also works with the Apple iPad and iPod touch, offers access to 1.6 million foreclosures. The application is useful to Realtors, Mr. Burrus said, who can look through listings of preforeclosed homes — homes that have been sent a notice of default — and contact their owners to see if they want help in selling them.

Home buyers can use [Complete Homes](#) to find national listings and information on real-estate agents. Mr. Burrus said that Visionary plans

to add more features, such as price-reduction alerts and open-house schedules.

A third app, [Complete Rentals](#), lets house hunters search for apartments and rental homes.

All three apps include a “Nearby” button that lets users check availability in their neighborhood, but they can search another area by entering its ZIP code or city name. Mr. Burrus said the audience for the apps is broad: home buyers and sellers, real-estate investors and even economists and journalists interested in housing trends.

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