

# Beecher Terrace Programmatic Agreement Annual Report

January 31, 2019



Thank you for your continued consultation regarding the Beecher Terrace Redevelopment Project. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and per the executed Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the Beecher Terrace Redevelopment Project (6/15/18), this Annual Report as described in section IX of the PA is being distributed by Louisville Jefferson County Metro Government (LJCMG) as the Responsible Entity to the Signatories, Invited Signatories, and Consulting Parties.

## Project Undertaking

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is providing funding through a \$29.5 Million Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) implementation grant to the Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) as the lead grantee and the Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government (LJCMG) as the co-grantee for the CNI implementation grant; and the redevelopment of the Beecher Terrace public housing site (“Undertaking”) is a core component of the CNI plan and the subject of this Programmatic Agreement (“Agreement”), and consists of the demolition of 59 existing buildings at Beecher Terrace and new construction of 640 units of mixed-income and multi-generational housing on the Beecher Terrace site supported by new and improved amenities and public infrastructure.

## Project Progress

Consulting Parties Consultation was initiated prior to the development of the Programmatic Agreement. There were 6 meetings held from December 2017 through April 2018. (Meeting agendas and summaries are available on the Vision Russell website: <https://visionrussell.org/historic-preservation/section106/>) The Programmatic Agreement identified that Stage I of the Undertaking would have an adverse effect on the Beecher Terrace Historic District and archaeological site 15Jf923.

Since future phases of construction associated with the Undertaking and the effects of this future construction on historic properties were to be determined, LJCMG, in consultation with Kentucky SHPO, agreed to fulfill its Section 106 compliance responsibilities for the Undertaking through the development and implementation of this Programmatic Agreement (PA or Agreement) as authorized under 36 CFR § 800.14(b)(3); The Programmatic Agreement was finalized on 6/15/18.

The resolution of effects associated with Stage I of the Undertaking utilized mitigation measures negotiated amongst all Consulting Parties and agreed to by LJCMG and Kentucky SHPO in a formal Letter of Resolution (LOR) signed by all Signatories and Invited Signatories on 8/14/18. There are four mitigation projects associated with this LOR. The Western Archives Library African American Archives Project; The Louisville Story Program Project tentatively entitled The Cornerstones of Russell; The Documentary Film “The Beecher Terrace Story”; and Archaeological Data Recovery and Educational Outreach.

Since the Programmatic Agreement was finalized there have been two Quarterly Meetings (9/6/18 and 12/5/18) conducted. These meetings have provided updates on the mitigation projects associated with Stage 1. Progress updates on Stage 1 including Residential Phase I have also been presented at the Quarterly Meetings. Demolition has been completed in the Phase I and started in the Phase II section as described in the Demolition Plan provided in the PA.

Additionally, The Concept Designs for Residential Phase II (Stage 2) and Residential Phase III (Stage 3) Consultation have been presented in accordance with the PA. Both of these Stages were determined to have “**No Adverse Effect**” in the Determination of Effect (DOE) issued by LJCMG per PA Section C.1. Face-to-face meetings were held 15-days after the issuance of the DOE per the PA Section C.2. SHPO concurred with this Determination of Effect and no comments were received by the Consulting Parties. These stages were resolved without an LOR or mitigation due to the No Adverse Effect determination.

As of the date of this report there have been no significant problems or unexpected issues encountered during the preceding year. At this time, LJCMG does not anticipate any changes should be made in implementation of this Agreement.

The next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for **March 7, 2019** at 6:00 pm. Location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

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