

SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTIES MEETING

MARCH 7, 2019

FACILITATOR –

CYNTHIA ELMORE, LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT

PRESENTERS –

GRETCHEN MILLIKEN, LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT

LAURA KINSELL-BAER, MCCORMACK, BARON, SALAZAR

NATALIE WOODS, LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

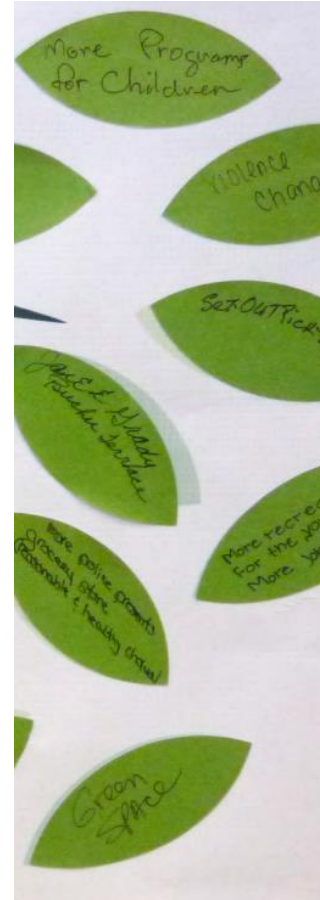
ANNE BADER, CORN ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGY

LAVEL D. WHITE, BLU BOI PRODUCTIONS

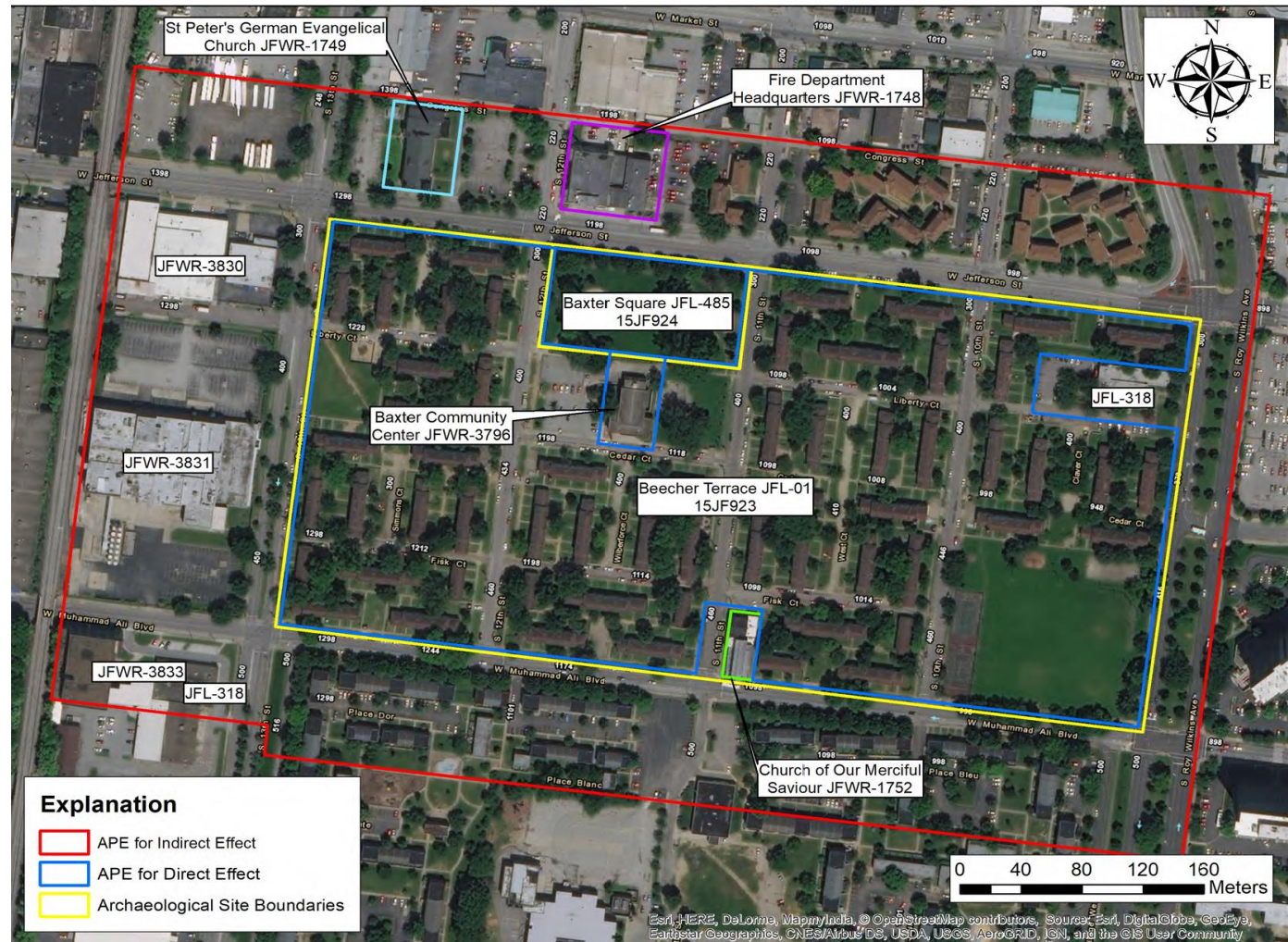
DARCY THOMPSON, LOUISVILLE STORY PROGRAM

Vision Russell Project Overview

- **People**
- **Housing**
- **Education**
- **Neighborhood**



Area of Potential Effect



Beecher Terrace Historic District



Public Residential Units



Baxter Community Center

Project Time Line

Stage I

Section 106 Compliance Phase 1 - 3

Demolition Phase 1 - 3

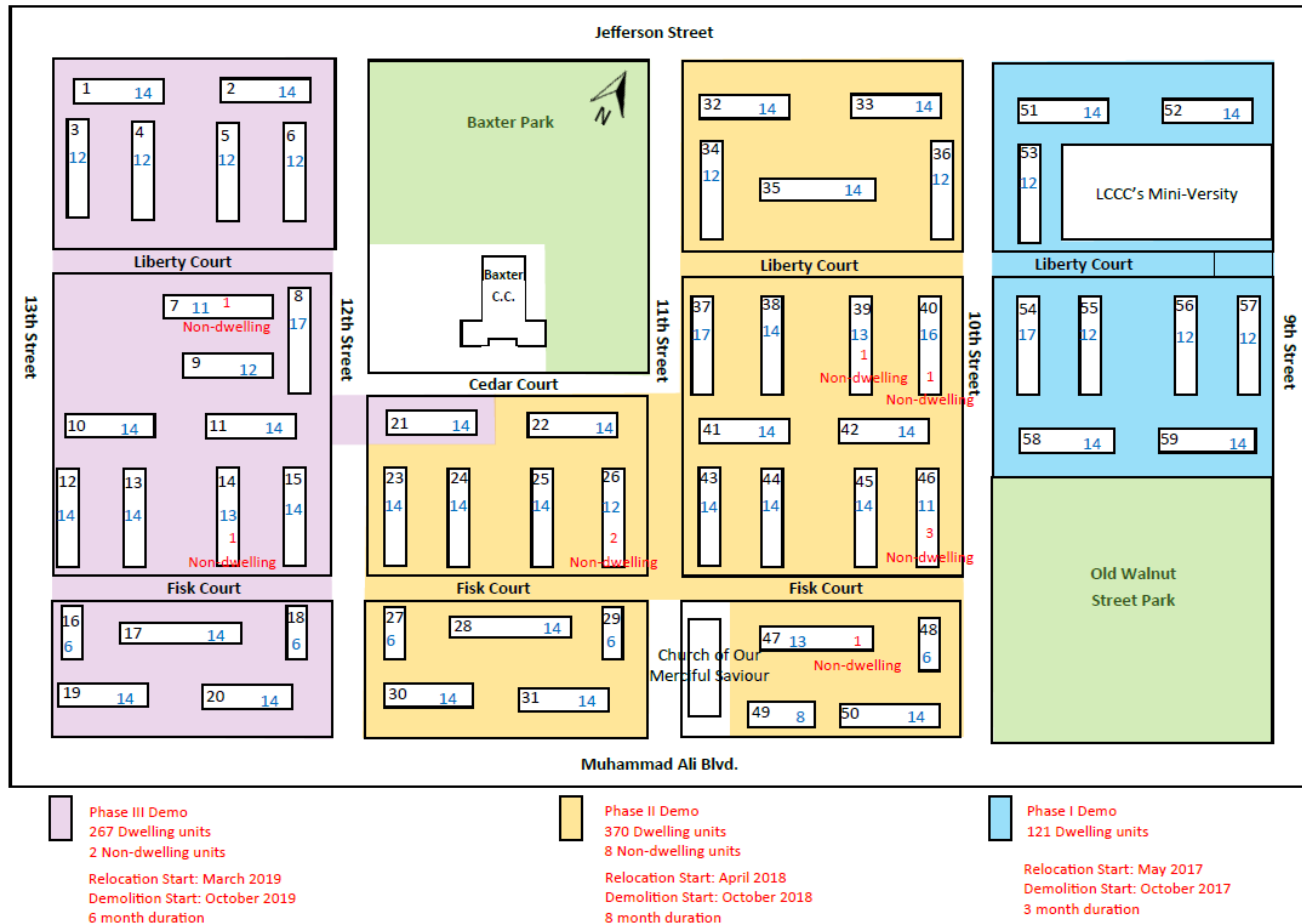
Construction Phase 1 - 7

Relocation Phase 1 - 3

- Known Impacts and Effects As of Jan. 1 2018**
- Phase I of Project Design and Construction
 - Phase I, II, and III of Demolition
 - Phase I, II, and III of Section 106 Compliance

Stage I: Demolition Update

Beecher Terrace Demolition Plan-Revised 6-21-17



Beecher I Residential Update



Senior Building

- 4 Stories
- 117 Senior Units
- Management Offices
- On-Site Amenities

Phase I

Conceptual Site Plan



Mitigation Activities Updates



Children at the Louisville Western Branch Library, 1950

- Beecher Terrace Documentary
Lavel D. White
- Louisville Story Program
Darcy Thompson
- Western Archives
Natalie Woods
- Data Recovery /
Archaeology/Public Participation
Anne Bader

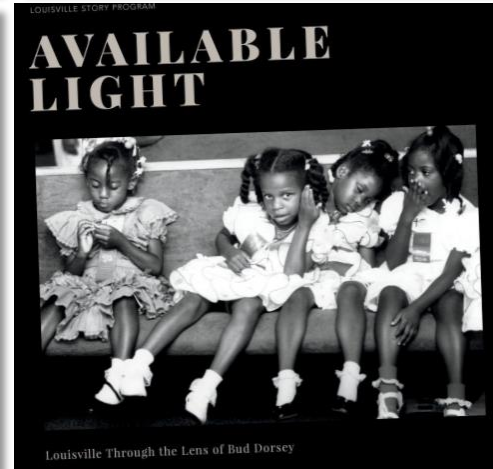
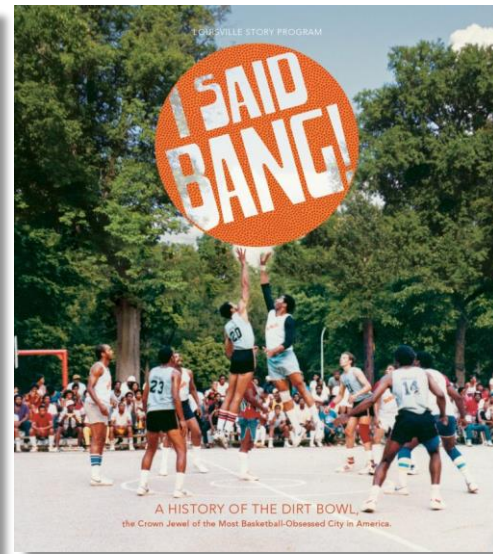
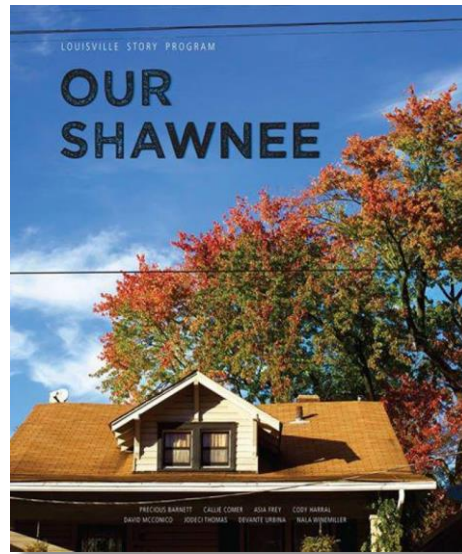
Beecher Terrace Documentary

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Louisville Story Program

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Cornerstones of Russell

Progress Report for
March 2019 Beecher Terrace Consulting Parties Meeting









Strands of Work

- Outreach to photographers and their families
- Russell residents of today
 - Writers
 - Interviewers
 - Interviewees
 - Consultants/connectors/guides
- Russell residents of the past
- Research
 - Significant places, people, events, etc.
 - Archived oral histories
 - Photographic archives

Photographers (*bold = already working with*)

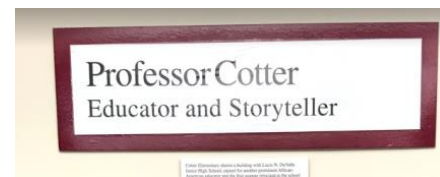
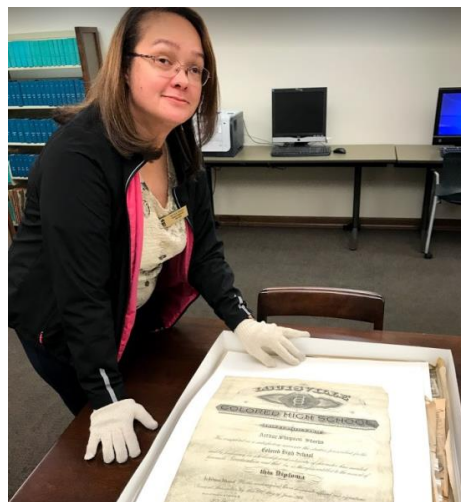
- **Nat Brown** – proprietor of iconic Nat Brown Studio
- **Arthur Evans (Sr. and Jr.)** – proprietors of iconic Evans Studio
- **Bud Dorsey** – longtime *Defender* photographer & Russell resident
- **Jack Norris** – accomplished photographer raised & living in Russell
- **Jay Thomas** – 1st African American photographer hired by the *CJ*
- **Jeff Hancox** – Nat Brown's protégé
- Mr. Godsby – proprietor of studio on Old Walnut St.
- James Sydnor – Old Walnut Street club photographer

A Sampling of People We Are Working With

- **Manfred Reid** – the one and only!
- **Rameriz Reed** – current Beecher Terrace resident, age 32, fashion designer, dressmaker, does alterations for many of his neighbors
- **Jane Grady** – lived in Beecher Terrace for many years, fount of Beecher Terrace history
- **Carlo Hayes** – native of Beecher Terrace and long-time maintenance worker there
- **Joe McNealy** – historian of Russell, nephew of longtime proprietor of Page's Confectionary
- **Carrye Jones** – native of W. Chestnut, educator, eager to write

Western Library Historic Archives

Natalie Woods



Data Recovery / Archaeology

Anne Bader

BEECHER TERRACE ARCHAEOLOGY

Corn Island Archaeology LLC, a cultural resources consulting firm in Jeffersonton, is currently conducting archaeological investigations at Beecher Terrace. Their work is a necessary part of the Choice Neighborhood Implementation grant that was awarded to Louisville in December 2016. Grant dollars, along with additional funding, will be used to relocate Beecher households, raze the existing buildings and redevelop the site into a new energy-efficient, mixed-income housing community.

Archeological work first began in January 2017 when preliminary excavations were done across the site. The buried objects (artifacts) found during Corn Island's initial work demonstrated that Beecher is eligible for the National Register of Historic Place. After a year-long consultation process, further study was approved for the site.

Before Beecher Terrace was developed in 1939, the 31.4 acre site contained more than 380 historic lots on its 12 blocks. A sample of these lots have been selected for further excavation. The majority of the work will occur within the archaeological site designated "15JF923". Numerous buried structures, including privies, cisterns, and foundations from late 19th and early 20th century residential and commercial buildings, are located within this area.

Lots were chosen to sample segments of the population that once lived in the area. Extensive research through census and deed records have provided the names, occupations, and ethnicities of the former occupants, with included both eastern and western European immigrants, African American professionals, and native-born Americans.

A major objective of the current archaeological project is to tell the story of specific individuals and families, especially of the multiple educated professional African Americans who contributed to this community. The stories of eastern European immigrants will also be examined. Together, information on these two groups will fill a gap in the data on Louisville's historic population.

The artifacts recovered during this project will be washed, labeled, and stored at the University of Louisville to be available for future study. Some of the artifacts will go on display here at Beecher Terrace.

To learn more about this project, please go to www.VisionRussell.org where regular updates will be provided. Information on when you can visit the site to learn more from the archaeologists' work will be posted on the website. You can also watch for updates and news on the Facebook page for Corn Island Archaeology.



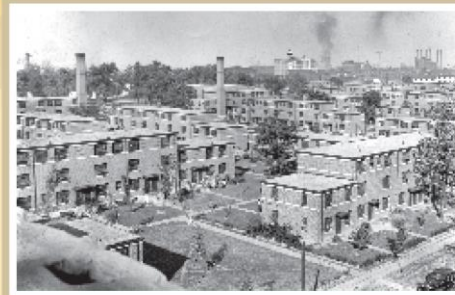
A Sam Booker pottery crock



Recovered Coca-Cola bottles



Chamber pots recovered from the site



Original Beecher Terrace buildings, circa 1940's.

Archaeology is a means of learning about how people lived long ago. It provides more detailed information on past day-to-day living than is usually found in history books or other written records.

By examining the objects that people left behind as trash, archaeologists can piece together details of their activities at home, in the workplace, and other institutions like school and church. Because there was no regular trash collection service, items that could not be burned were often thrown into the privy (outhouse), where they remain preserved for archaeologists to find.

The objects archaeologists find can help reveal a location's use, the dates it was occupied, the income level of its occupants, along with the kinds of food they ate, and sometimes, even their religious affiliation and ethnicity. Artifacts collected from a site can also show where people bought the necessities for daily life, whether it locally or from big cities in the east. Recovered medicine bottles can tell us information about the types of ailments that plagued residents. Changes in artifact collections from one decade to another might show periods of economic hardship or prosperity. All of this and more can be learned from the study of recovered artifacts.



Archaeologists uncovering a beehive-dome cistern at Beecher Terrace.

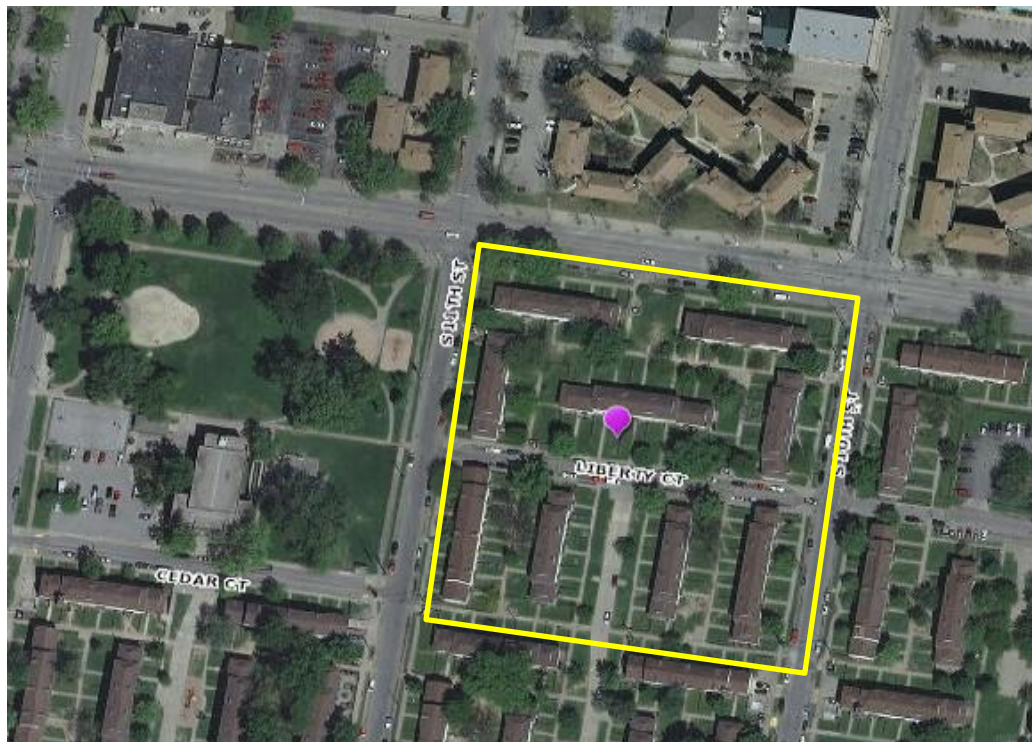


Corn Island Archaeologists at work in an excavation trench



Recovered artifacts ready for washing and cataloguing.

Beecher 2 Residential Update



Beecher 3 Residential Update



AERIAL MASSING OF PHASES 1-3

Future Phases 4 & 5 Update



BEECHER CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

BEECHER SITE / LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY / DECEMBER 2018

- Phase 1
- Phase 2
- Phase 3

Future Letter of Resolution

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Future Quarterly Consulting Parties Meetings

First Thursday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- Early December 2018 – Thursday, December 6, 2018
- Early March 2019 – Thursday, March 7, 2019
- **Early June 2019 – Thursday , June 6, 2019**
- Early September 2019 – Thursday, September 5, 2019

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