SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTIES MEETING

JUNE 4, 2020
FACILITATOR –
CYNTHIA ELMORE, LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT
PRESENTERS –
LAURA KINSELL-BAER/ASHLEY FOELL, MCCORMACK, BARON, SALAZAR
DARCY THOMPSON, LOUISVILLE STORY PROGRAM
ANNE BADER, CORN ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGY
KATHLEEN O’NEIL/PAM BISCHOFF, LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY
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 4-2-2019

Phase 1 Demo
121 Dwelling units
9 Buildings
Demolition: Completed March 2019

Phase 2 Demo
384 Dwelling units
8 Non-dwelling units
30 Buildings in 3 Sub-Phases
Phase 2A - 11 Buildings (Buildings 32-42)
Phase 2B - 8 Buildings (Buildings 43-50)
Phase 2C - 11 Buildings (Buildings 21-31)
Demolition: February 2019 - February 2020
Twelve month duration

Phase 3 Demo
253 Dwelling units
2 Non-dwelling units
20 Buildings
Demolition: January 2020 - July 2020
Seven month duration
450 Roy Wilkins Ave. Update
Construction Progress

Nov. 2019

Phase 2 building footings
Phase 3
Phase 1 Senior Building
Construction Progress
Feb. 2020

Phase 1
Senior Building

Phase 2

Phase 3
BEECHER TERRACE - PROPOSED PHASES 4 & 5

OCTOBER 14, 2019
WESTERN ARCHIVES

Natalie Woods – Branch Manager
The Beecher Terrace Story

A DOCUMENTARY FILM BY LAVEL D. WHITE
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Progress Report for
June 2020 Beecher Terrace Consulting Parties Meeting
BEECHER TERRACE ARCHAEOLOGY

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

Archaeological 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 3.6 acre site contained more than 300 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 “153F923”. 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, including 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.VisionInBeecher.org where regular updates will be provided. Information on how you can visit the site to learn more from the archaeologist’s work will be posted on the website. You can also watch for updates and news on the Facebook page for Corn Island Archaeology.
Inquiry Based Learning Curriculum
  - Elementary, Middle, High School
Artifact Learning Kits
Exhibit at Frazier History Museum
Permanent Installation at new Beecher Terrace
Summer Archaeology Camp at Frazier Museum
Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Future Quarterly Consulting Parties Meetings
First Thursday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

• Early September 2020 – Thursday, September 3, 2020
• Early December 2020 – Thursday, December 3, 2020
• Early March 2021 – Thursday, March 4, 2021
• Early June 2020 – Thursday, June 3, 2021
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