

SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTIES MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2020

FACILITATOR –

CYNTHIA ELMORE, LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT

PRESENTERS –

LAURA KINSELL-BAER/ASHLEY FOELL, MCCORMACK, BARON, SALAZAR

DARCY THOMPSON, LOUISVILLE STORY PROGRAM

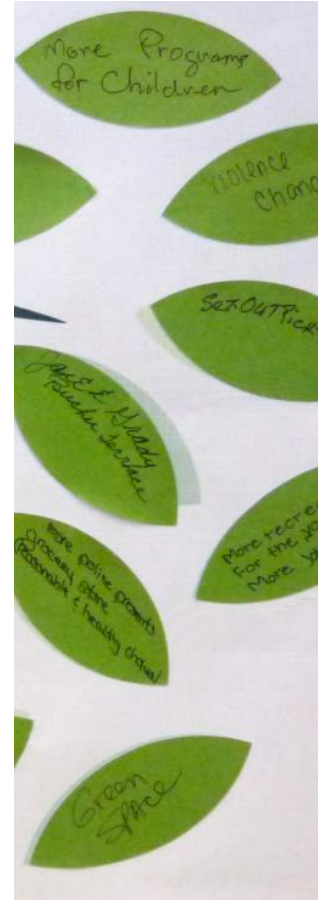
LAVEL WHITE, THE BEECHER TERRACE STORY

ANNE BADER/DAVE SCHATZ, CORN ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGY

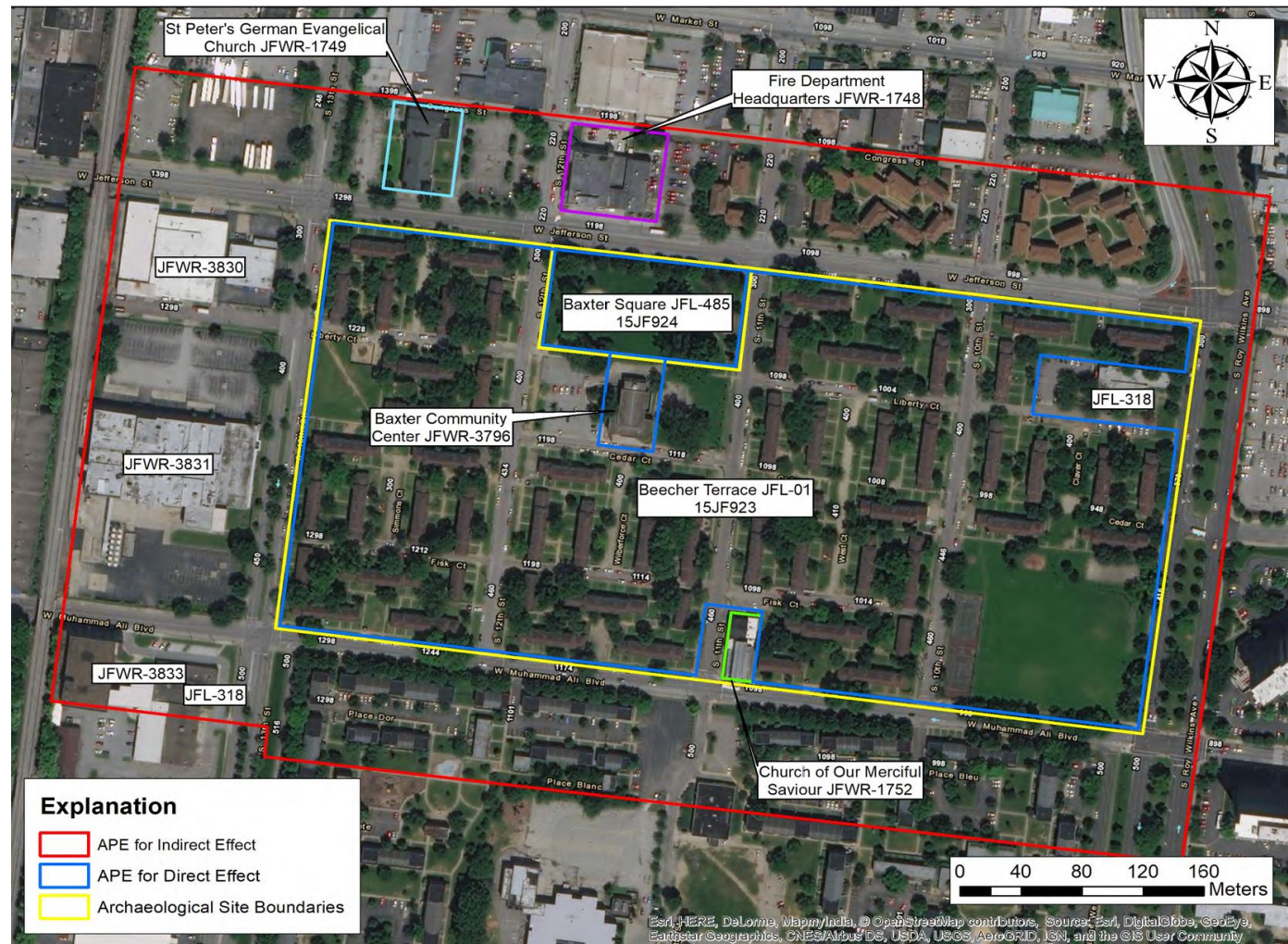
**KATHLEEN O'NEIL/PAM BISCHOFF/JOHN HAWKINS, LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING
AUTHORITY**

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

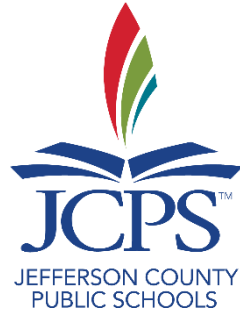
Section 106 Compliance Phase 1 - 3

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



Public Education and Outreach

- Kindergarten – 12th Grade Inquiry Based Curriculum
- Professional Development for Educators
- Special Event for Beecher Terrace families
- Artifact Display at The Frazier History Museum

Inquiry Based Learning Curriculum

Example Framing Inquiry with Questions

Compelling Question: How do we tell the story of Beecher Terrace?

Supporting Questions:

What do artifacts tell us about Beecher Terrace?

How did Beecher Terrace change over time?

Who funded the urban growth and revitalization of Beecher Terrace?

How do we preserve the history of Beecher Terrace?

Argument: Create a story that argues how the story of Beecher Terrace should be told.



Inquiry Based Learning Curriculum Elementary, Middle, High School

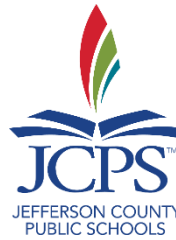
- Timeline: July 1, 2021 to Sept 30, 2022
- Teacher-led Curriculum Design
- Artifact Boxes: Hands-On and Digital
- Video: “Thinking Like an Archaeologist”
- Incorporation of other Section 106 Mitigation Modules: Documentary, Book, Archives



Public Event and Artifact Display

“Family Day at the Frazier History Museum”

- Timeline: September 2021
- Hands-on Archaeological Activities
- Archaeological Artifact Display
- Documentary Screening
- Partner Participation (Displays / Presentations)
- Free admission for Original Beecher Terrace residents



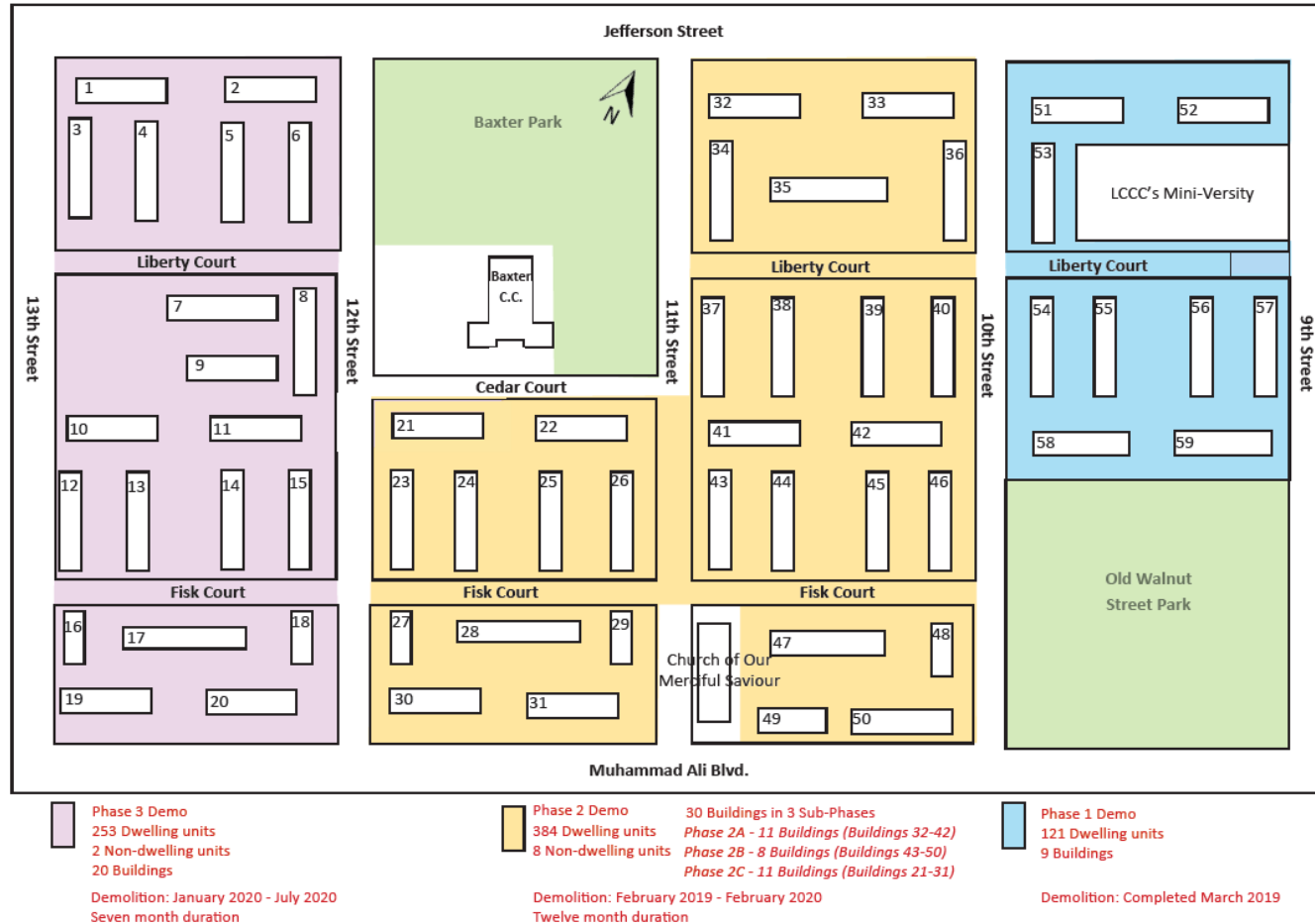
Proposed Budget Overview

- JCPS Faculty & Staff: \$21,445
- Frazier History Museum: \$ 7,300
 - Artifact Display, Facility Rental, Admission Costs
- Corn Island Archaeology: \$12,060
 - Artifact Boxes, Co-curation of exhibit, Digital Photography, Staff Time for teacher support, videotaping, Family Day participation, Professional Development for Educators
- Stipends for Partner Participation: \$ 1,000
- Indirect Costs: \$ 1,329

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET: **\$43,135**

Stage I: Demolition Update

Beecher Terrace Demolition Plan - Revised 4-2-2019



Beecher Phasing Site Plan



BEECHER TERRACE SITE PLAN — PHASING

Phase I Phase II Phase III Phase IV Phase V

450 Roy Wilkins Ave. Update



Construction Progress

September 2020



Construction Progress

November 2020



WESTERN ARCHIVES

Natalie Woods – Branch Manager

The
**BEECHER
TERRACE**



Story

THE BEECHER TERRACE STORY

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LOUISVILLE
STORY
PROGRAM

Cornerstones of Russell

Progress Report for
December 2020 Beecher Terrace Consulting Parties Meeting



Band from Louisville chapter of American Woodsmen (mutual aid society) in front of Western Library, early 20th century (photo: Jesse Robert Neighbors)



Suffragist Nannie Helen Burroughs with a friend, Louisville, ca. 1900 (photo by Neighbors Bros. Studio)



Photographer Carrie Harries (center) with colleagues from the *Louisville Defender*.



Russell residents Donna Calloway (L) and Adoree Saunders (R) (photos by Nat Brown)

THE FIGHTS WE FOUGHT HAVE BROUGHT US HERE

LOUISVILLE STORY PROGRAM

PERSIA ARCHIE-SMITH
ANHA D. CHERRY
NAUDIA M. GREEN
PAOLA JIMENEZ MORA
SYLVIA D. LONTZ
HALIMA OMAR
SORAYA ROBINSON
MELISA TORRES ROJAS
NATALIA UNSELD
CRAIG WRIGHT JR.



We published *The Fights We Fought Have Brought Us Here* on Nov. 17 and celebrated with a virtual book launch event. The book was written by ten young authors from Central High School.

Work completed this past quarter

- Began exploring possible collaboration with Urban Strategies to support Beecher Terrace residents in documenting some of their family stories and traditions – promising
- Continued outreach to current Russell residents and people with deep historic ties to Russell
- Continued organizing photo massive photo archive and made progress on scanning negatives and prints
- Began editing some of our raw, first-draft narratives
- We published *The Fights We Fought Have Brought Us Here*, a book by 10 young authors from Central High School. Though their book does not focus on Russell history, it's a compelling record of the lives of present-day Central students.

Work slated for the upcoming quarter

- Clarify vision and process of collaboration with Urban Strategies and potentially begin work with some of the Beecher Terrace residents whom they support
- Pilot and refine approaches to developing new content remotely – recording video interviews, soliciting input using social media and other technological tools, etc.
- Work with those who have contributed so far to edit/shape more polished material from the material they have generated.
- Conduct more historical/archival research.
- Launch social media photo-reunion project.
- Outreach to new prospective contributors.

Data Recovery / Public Participation

Anne Bader

BEECHER TERRACE ARCHAEOLOGY

Corn Island Archaeology LLC, a cultural resources consulting firm in Jeffersonstown, 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.



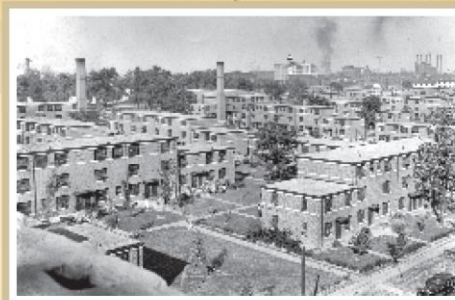
A Sam Booker pottery crock



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.

**We are
done!!!!**



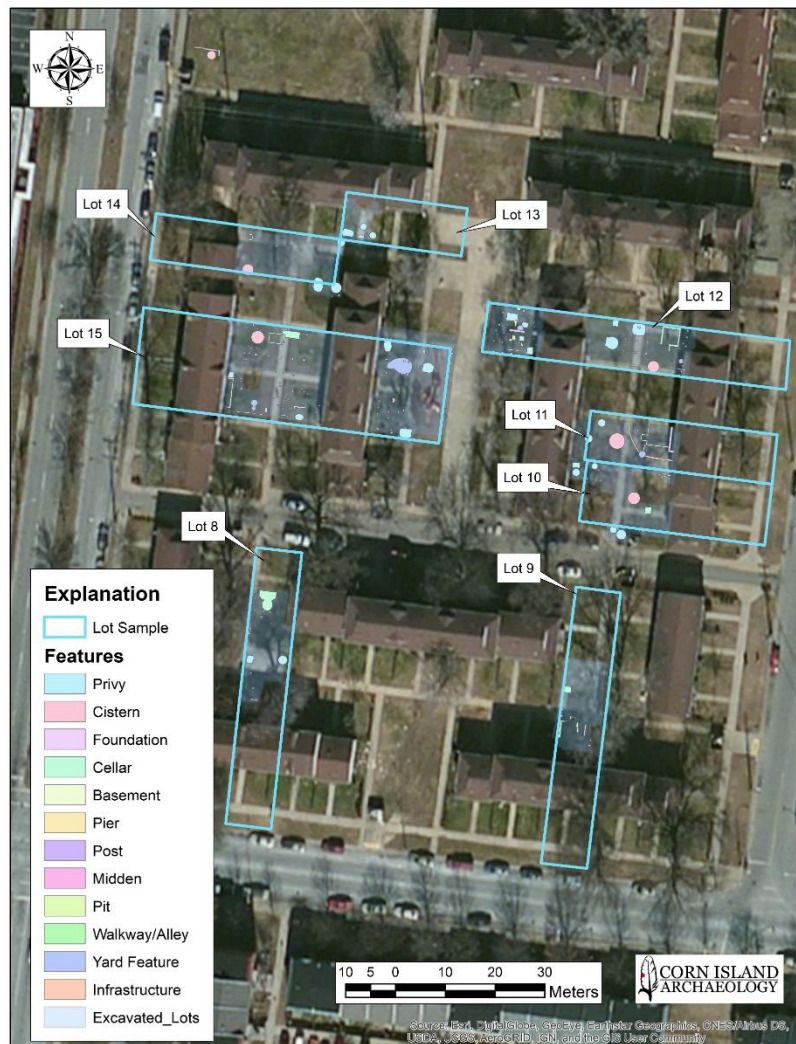
January 2017-November 2020



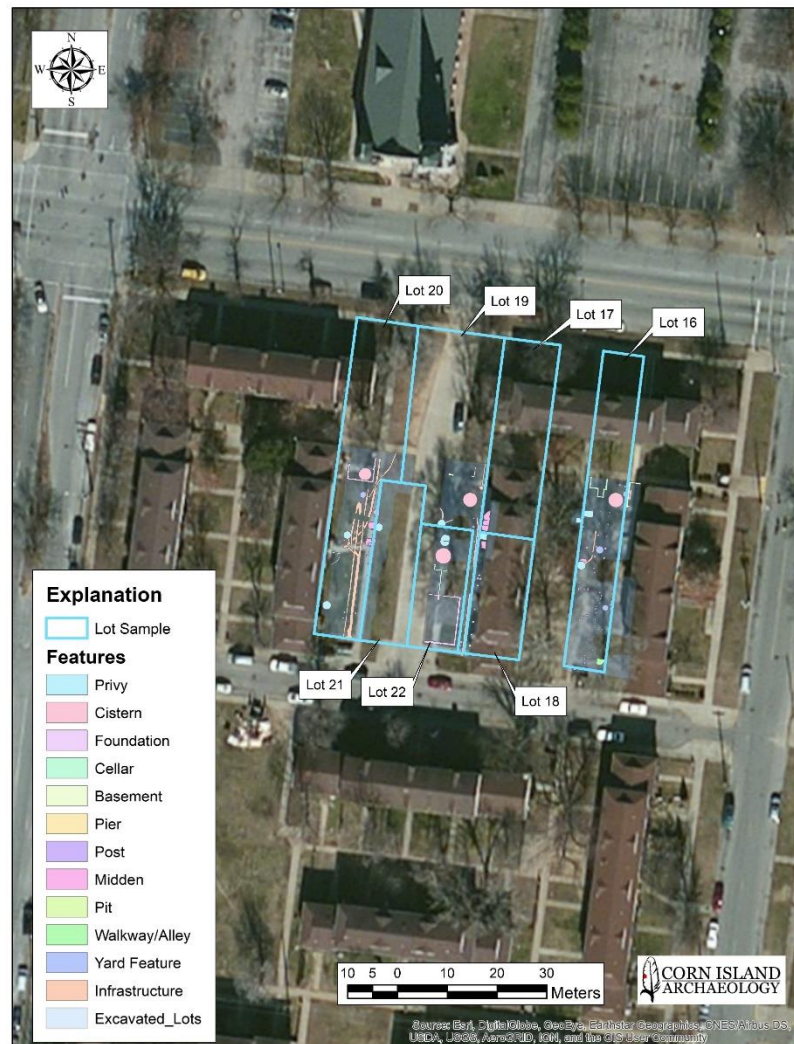
Total Lots Investigated

Block 1 (OWSP)	Block 10	Block 12	Total
7	7 (1 alt.)	8 (1 alt.)	22

Block 12



Block 10



Documented Features

Feature Type	Phase I	Phase II	Block 1 (OWSP)	Block 10	Block 12	Totals
Privy	4	7	25	10	28	74
Cistern	9	1	7	4	5	26
Foundation	11	1	3	4	9	28
Cellar/Basement	3		2	6	10	21
Pit			5		2	7
Pier	3		3	9	10	26
Post	5	1	183	148	213	549
Midden			5	8	1	14
Yard Feature			1	4	6	11
Walkway/Alley	4		5	1		10
Infrastructure			4	15	8	27
Grave	25					25
Totals	64	10	243	209	291	818

Excavated Features

Feature Type	Phase II	Block 1 (OWSP)	Block 10	Block 12	Totals
Privy	4	21	10	26	61
Cistern	2	3	1		6
Foundation	1	1		1	3
Cellar/Basement	1	2	3	4	10
Pit		3			3
Pier				2	2
Post					
Midden		1	3		4
Yard Feature			1	1	2
Walkway/Alley					
Infrastructure					
Grave					
Totals	8	31	18	34	91





One of only two Native American artifacts found:

This projectile point was discarded twice over the past 6,000 years and was found twice!



Perfume bottle,
capped with
contents intact



Cannon
ball?



We are currently working with the University of Louisville Department of Anthropology and the Department of Pan African Studies. We have a 400-level course offered this semester for college credit. We have invited students of Black and other cultural backgrounds to become involved in our research through this internship. They will be visiting the excavations, and viewing the artifacts at our offices, as well as preparing a story of the residents assigned to them to research.





What's next?

- Draft Management Summary
- Continue washing remainder of the artifacts
- Complete the analysis
- Undertake some additional research (deeds and chain of title)
- Write the report

Beecher Residential Phase IV and V (Stage 4)



4 BUILDINGS 1 & 13 RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION
(BUILDINGS 15 & 18 OPPOSITE HAND)
THE CITY OF BEECHER, ILLINOIS



2 BUILDINGS 1 & 13 REAR ELEVATION
(BUILDINGS 15 & 18 OPPOSITE HAND)
THE CITY OF BEECHER, ILLINOIS



3 BUILDINGS 1 & 13 LEFT SIDE ELEVATION
(BUILDINGS 15 & 18 OPPOSITE HAND)
THE CITY OF BEECHER, ILLINOIS



1 BUILDINGS 1 & 13 FRONT ELEVATION
(BUILDINGS 15 & 18 OPPOSITE HAND)
THE CITY OF BEECHER, ILLINOIS

Building Precedents



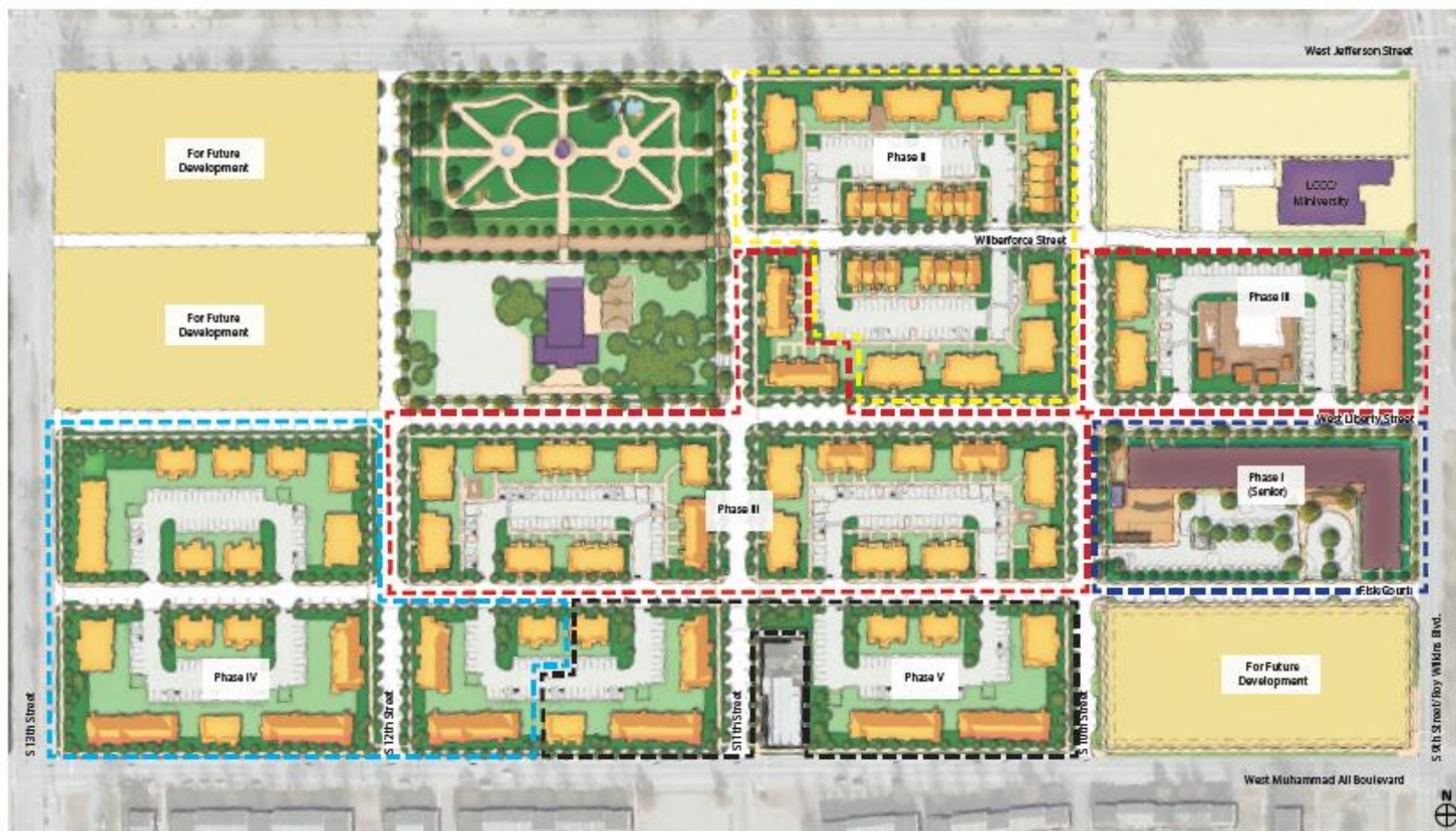
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Beecher Residential Phase IV and V (Stage 4)

Determination of Effect : No Additional Adverse Effect





BEECHER TERRACE SITE PLAN — PHASING

BEECHER SITE / LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY / AUGUST 2020

Phase I Phase II Phase III Phase IV Phase V



BEECHER TERRACE RECREATIONAL AMENITIES MASTER PLANNING

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THIS PROCESS?



Replacing the Old Walnut
Street Park



Making Improvements to
Baxter Square Park



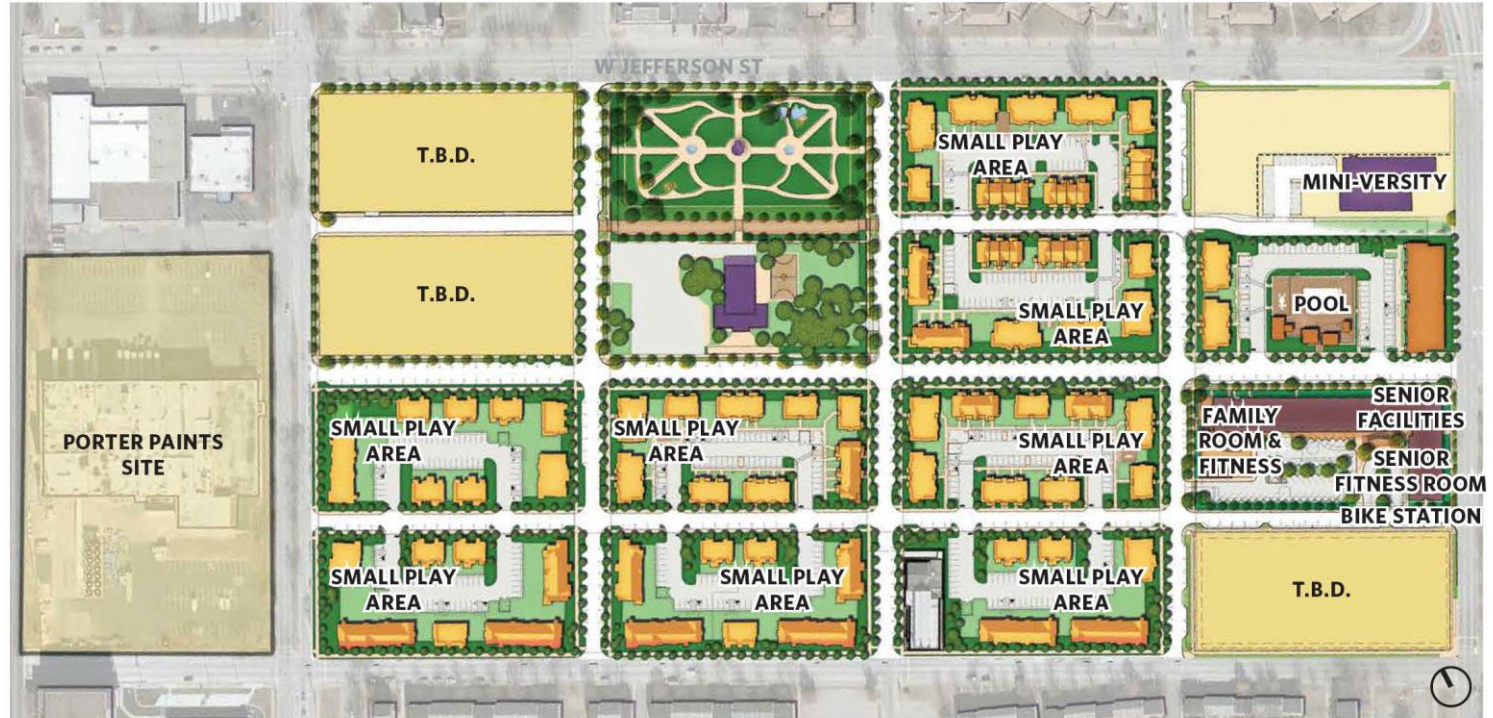
Preserving the Historic Baxter
Community Center



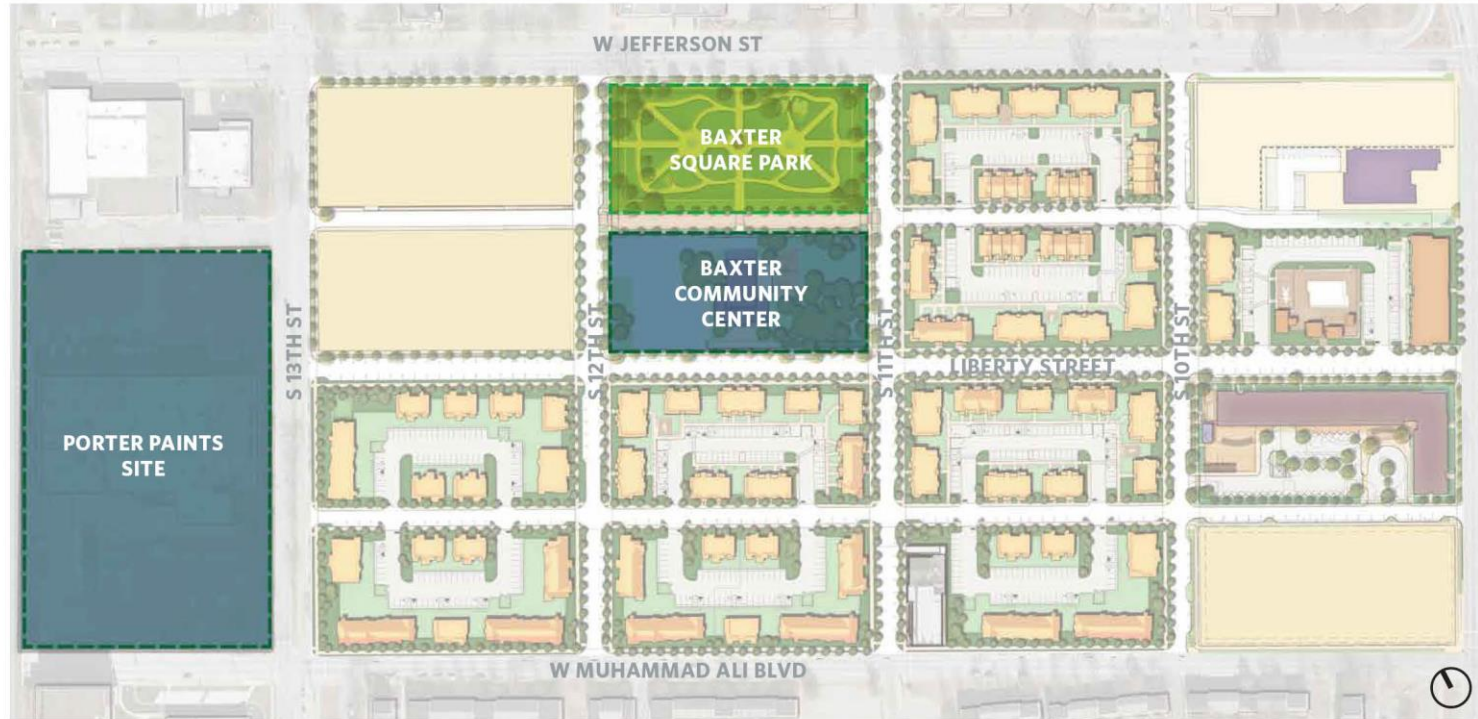
New Recreational Facilities
and/or Activities



CURRENT SITE PLAN & AMENITIES FOR RESIDENTS



SITES INCLUDED IN THIS AMENITIES PLANNING



Passive Uses Active Uses

WEBSITE & SURVEY

www.EngageTheTeam.com/BeecherTerrace



Survey Monkey



Paper Survey



Stakeholder Meetings

- **Seven Virtual Stakeholder Meetings in November 2020**
 - **Former Beecher Terrace Residents** *(Two separate meetings)*
 - **Russell Residents**
 - **Elected Officials**
 - **Institutional Partners**
 - **Education and Youth Programming**
 - **Metro Parks and other Metro Government Agencies**



Next Steps:

- Virtual Design Workshops
 - Monday, December 14th – 6:00PM
 - Wednesday, December 16th – 11:00AM
 - Visit www.visionrussell.org for meeting information, or email John Hawkins – jhawkins@lmha1.org
 - If you're unable to attend, visit www.engagetheteam.com/BeecherTerrace to comment on preliminary design concepts
- Pursue Additional Funding Sources

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Future Quarterly Consulting Parties Meetings

First Thursday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- Early March 2021 – Thursday, March 4, 2021
- Early June 2020 – Thursday, June 3, 2021
- Early September 2020 – Thursday, September 2, 2021
- Early December 2020 – Thursday, December 2, 2021

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- RUSSELL NEIGHBORHOOD – GRETCHEN MILLIKEN (502) 574-3158
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