



Russell Choice Neighborhood Coordinating Committee Meeting

January 27, 2021

Join via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/91454355759>

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Welcome and Sign in – 2 min. (LMHA Staff)

Implementation Grant - Neighborhood

- Critical Community Improvements (CCIs) - 10 min.
 - Historic Quinn Chapel Stabilization (Allison Smith) – Negotiations with contractor in-process. Final decision anticipated to be made on February 1st and work completed by July 2022.
 - Smart City Public WiFi (John Hawkins) – RFP issued in Spring 2020, and installation of the WiFi network completed in January 2021. The entire is now functioning and providing Internet access.
 - The Village @ West Jefferson (Pam Bischoff) – Anticipated completion in early February 2021. Tenants to begin moving in on February 15th. Building is approximately 75% leased. Demolition has begun on the rear addition of St. Peter's United Church of Christ.
 - Business Center & Plaza at LCCC (Pam Bischoff/Shawn Summerville) – finishing existing leasehold space in the Business Incubator Center in LCCC's Old Walnut Street campus. Four new potential tenants have been identified.
 - 18th Street Corridor Redevelopment (Laura G.) - Three commercial development projects. Final cost estimates are expected in mid-February. Streetscape improvements ready to start upon HUD approval. Streetscape work is anticipated to be complete in Summer/Fall of 2021.

Baxter Community Center, Baxter Square Park and Porter Paint Site - 28 minutes

- Beecher Terrace Recreational Amenities Master Planning Update (LMHA Staff) – Community survey and focus group meetings were held in Fall 2020, resulting in two design visions for sites. Two design workshops presenting the designs were held in December 2020. A second survey seeking input on two design preferences closed on January 13th. The design presentation, a video explaining same, and survey results are available online at <https://www.engagetheteam.com/BeecherTerrace>. LMHA staff met with James Graham Brown Foundation on January 19th, and hopes to submit a grant application around March 1, 2021. Staff and consultants will be refining designs and construction estimates based on survey results and additional input.

Implementation Grant – Housing

- Demolition – 2 min. ([Laura and Ashley](#))
 - Third and final phase of Beecher Terrace demo anticipated to be complete in March 2022.
 - Porter Paints demo anticipated to be completed in April 2021.
- Housing – 5 min.
 - Phase 1 updates – residents anticipated to begin moving in this week.
 - Phase 2 updates – anticipated occupancy beginning in March 2021
 - Phase 3 updates – site work continues, including grading, public improvements, and pouring building footings and slabs. Anticipated construction completion in March 2022.
- Reoccupancy – 5 min. ([Pam and Heather](#))
 - Of the 607 presumed-eligible original Beecher Terrace residents who were sent reoccupancy packets, a total of 253 pre-applications have been received as of 1/11/21, including 3 of which would have a 2nd preference
 - Of these, the following housing preferences were noted:
 - 55+ Building On-Site – 83
 - Other On-Site – 220
 - Off-site - 132
 - As of 1/26/21:
 - Phase I: 24 original Beecher Terrace families have returned initial applications and are in the approval process. 10 additional families who are currently participating in the PH program have been moved from the Interest List to the Waiting List and MBM is now certifying their eligibility.
 - Phase II: 83 original Beecher Terrace households have returned an acceptance letter. 23 have returned their initial applications and are now in the approval process.
 - A total of 19 original BT households and approximately 100 families from the HCV waiting list have been offered off-site PBV replacement units.

Implementation Grant - People

- Urban Strategies Update - 10 min. ([TaLonda Holland, Kristie Stutler](#))
 - COVID Response Overview and Forward Solutions
 - Education Grant Awards
 - Equity Community Development Leadership Program

Upcoming Events

- Villages at West Jefferson Grand Opening
- The 450 Roy Wilkins Building Grand Opening – Date to be determined in April 2021

Next Coordinating Committee Meeting – April 21, 2021, 10 a.m.



January 2021

UDA

Beecher Terrace Recreational Amenities Presentation for the Vision Russell Coordinating Committee

Louisville, Kentucky

Today's Agenda

- **What We've Heard**
- **Vision 1 and 2 for Baxter Community Center & Porter Paints**
- **Second Survey Results**
- **Next Steps**



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

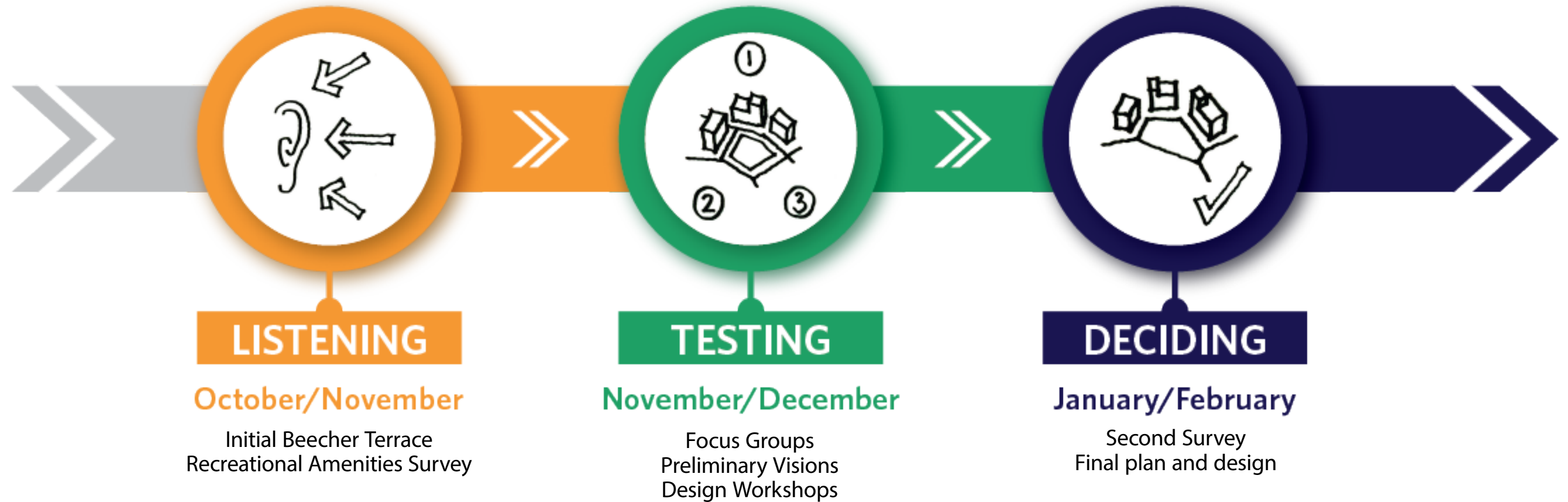


Sites included in this amenities planning



Passive Uses Active Uses

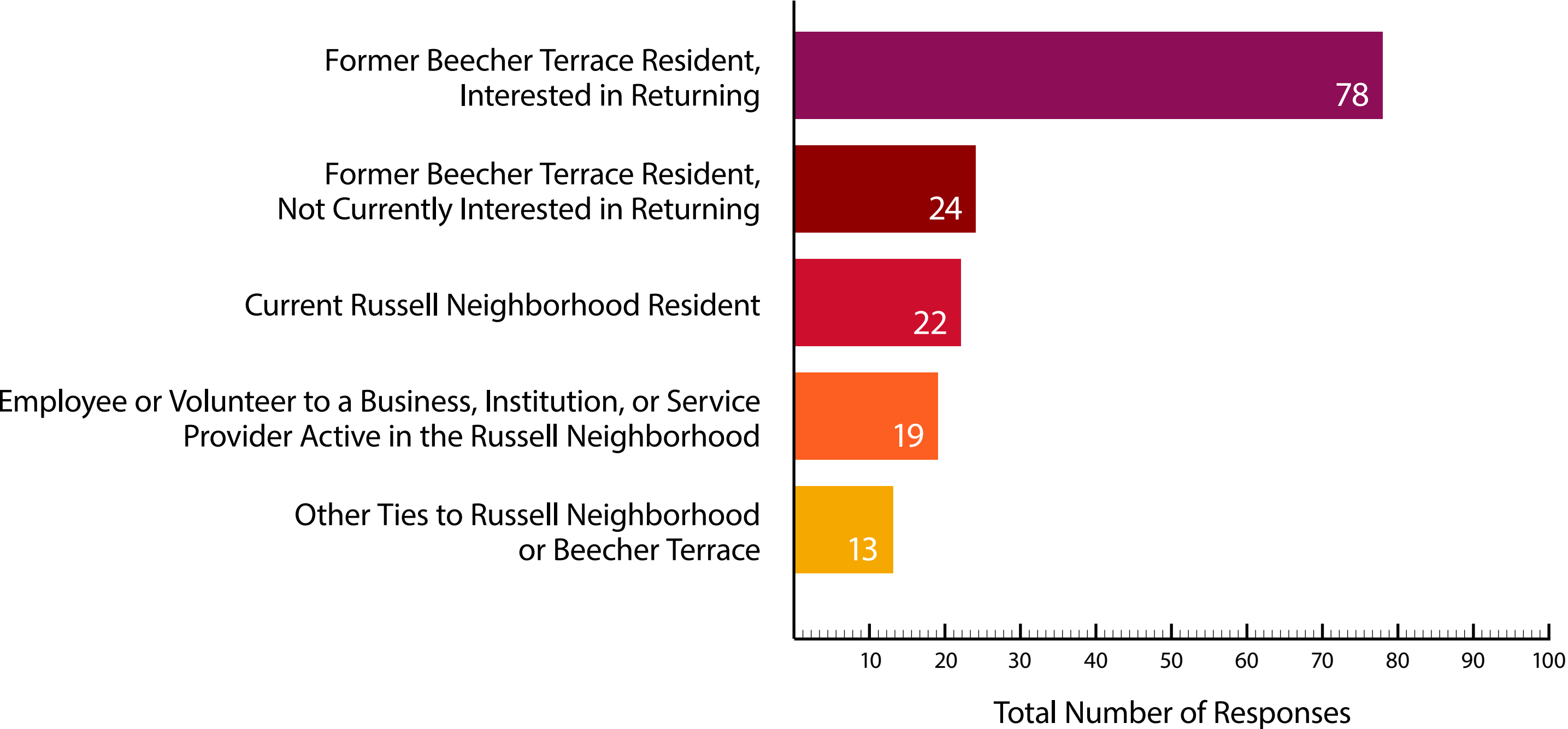
Timeline



What We Heard

Initial Survey

Demographics — who responded?



Question 1:

What kinds of “ACTIVE” recreational amenities would you like to see at Beecher Terrace, Baxter Community Center, or the former Porter Paints site?



Playgrounds/Swings

109



Splash Pad/Spray ground

92



BBQ Areas

90



Indoor Gathering/Activity Spaces

87



Indoor Gymnasium

87



Outdoor Basketball Courts

86



Outdoor Exercise Stations

71



Open Play fields with Bleachers

61



Area for Outdoor Movies

61



Amphitheater/Bandstand

57

Question 2: What kinds of “PASSIVE” recreational amenities would you like to see at Beecher Terrace, Baxter Community Center, or the former Porter Paints site?



WiFi Hotspots
111



Outdoor Walking/Running Paths
107



Picnic Tables
105



Water Fountains
93



Reading Rooms/Little Libraries
81



Quiet/Reflective Space(s)
81



Green Space and Gardens
80



Pavilions
56



Gathering Areas
55



Outdoor Classroom
37

Question 3: What types of activities/programming recreational amenities would you like to see at Beecher Terrace, Baxter Community Center, or the former Porter Paints site?



Exercise Programs
111



Cooking Classes
95



Arts and Crafts
95



Music, Dance, or Art Performances
91



Children Play Groups
83



Reading Programs and Book Clubs
80



Sports Leagues
66



Yoga and Meditation Programs
61



Nature Play
50

Question

Anything else we missed that should be considered to remain, to be improved upon, or to be added?

Retail Amenities

- Black-owned coffee shop
- Food Bank
- Stores
- Grocery store

Active Park Amenities

- 4-Square
- Bike trails
- Lego park
- 3D-Model park
- Play and work areas for kids
- Track
- Pet exercise area

Passive Park Amenities

- Spaces for seniors to relax and read
- Pavilion with tables
- Parking for Old Walnut Street
- Bathrooms
- Designated smoking area
- Lighting for safety

Programs & Education

- Creative writing & poetry
- Kite and drone training/testing school
- Mental/physical health coach
- Computer skills lab/classes
- GED classes
- Sewing classes
- Low-impact martial arts for seniors

Other Uses/Ideas

- Promote healing and family
- Inclusive amenities
- Historic markers about land and community
- Artwork from local artists
- No public intoxication
- Housing support for families

Who we met with — focus group meetings

Wed., Nov. 11

Russell
Neighborhood
Stakeholders

Mon., Nov. 16

Parks & Recreation
Stakeholders

Tues., Nov. 17

Institutional
Partners

Wed., Nov. 18

Elected
Officials

Russell
Neighborhood
Residents

Beecher Terrace
Residents

Youth &
Education Services

Beecher Terrace
Residents

Who we met with — organizations represented

- 7PM Group
- Aptiva Health
- Byck Elementary
- Center For Neighborhoods
- Central High School
- Chestnut St. YMCA
- City View Apartments
- Coleridge Taylor Elementary
- J. Starks Realty Co
- Jefferson County Public Schools
- Kentucky State House of Representatives
- Louisville Central Community Centers

- Louisville Coordinated Community Investment
- Louisville Extreme Football
- Louisville Metro Council
- Louisville Metro Government
- Louisville Metro Housing Authority
- Louisville Urban League
- McCormack Baron Salazar
- MiniVersity Early Childhood Center
- Molo Village CDC
- Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods
- Olmsted Parks Conservancy

- OneWest
- Roosevelt Perry Elementary
- Russell - A Place of Promise
- Russell Neighborhood Association
- Russell Neighborhood Health Center
- The 40 &1 Company
- The Beech
- Two Hearts Media
- Urban Strategies Inc.
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development

What we heard in the stakeholder meetings

Overflow
Parking

Mixed-use
development
on
Muhammad
Ali Boulevard

Little
league
practice
field

Venue
for outdoor
events

European-
style
market
building

Place for
movie night
& media
production

Art
exhibition
& gallery
space

Space for
family
reunions &
gatherings

Social
space for
teens &
seniors

A 'living
room'

Chess
boards in
the park

Places for
woodworking,
art, music
& cooking
classes

Must have
indoor
basketball
court

ADA &
Accessible
Playgrounds

Outdoor
Exercise
Equipment

Flexible
meeting &
presentation
space

Bowling

Outdoor
bathrooms

Bike repair
station &
pumps

Weight
room

State of
the art
pavilion

Outdoor
ping pong
tables

One-stop
shop
resource
hub

Space for
health &
wellness
classes

Barbecue
area

Food
growing
facility

Current Russell Community facilities & programs

LCCC

Old Walnut Plaza

(1 block away)

- Event rental space
- Business Plaza
 - 2 Hearts Media
 - Louisville Xtreme Football
 - Rhinox Research Group
 - Diamond Key Realtors
 - I AM Construction Cleaning
 - Dasha Barbours Southern Bistro Beverage Station
 - Additional suites available
- Future Grant Lyric Theater
- Variety of LCCC programs & events
 - Annual Community Engagement Summit
 - Kids Art Academy & Theater Troupes
 - Academic Coaching Enrichment (ACE) Initiative
 - Teen Leadership Council
 - Working Solutions
 - Adult Basic Education (GED)
 - Money Matters Club
 - Skill-up Webinars (Technology)
 - Health & Wellness Programs
 - BYOB Network (Entrepreneurship)

LCCC

MiniVersity

(On-Site)

- Early Childhood Development
- After school care

Junior Achievement

(4 blocks away)

- Elementary, Middle, and High School educational programs
- Simulated City (Sam Swope JA BizTown)
- Chase JA Finance Park
- Virtual career exploration

Chestnut Street YMCA

(5 blocks away)

- Black Achievers
- Young Achievers
- Youth Engagement in Sports
- Child Care Services
- Kids Cafe
- Group Fitness Classes
- Summer Day Camp
- WomanUp
- ManUp
- Gym
- Outdoor playground
- Exercise equipment

The Village at W. Jefferson

(1 block away)

- Molo Village CDC
- Retail and commercial businesses
 - Robin Hood's Coffee Shop
 - Park Community Credit Union
 - Leverage Property Management
- Supportive service providers
 - OVEC Head Start
 - LMHA Choice Neighborhoods
 - BMN/Flux/Black CDC - Health and Wellness Clinic
 - Sponsor 4 Success

Western Library

(5 blocks away)

- Meeting Rooms
- Public Computers/Computer Classes
- Resume Assistance
- Children's Programming
- Library materials
- Archival materials

Phase 4 Waterfront Park

(7 blocks away)

- Passive uses, playgrounds
- Partnership with Children's Museum

Russell Apartments

(5 blocks away)

- Auditorium

Central High School Stadium

(2 blocks away)

- High School athletic and events

Russell Churches & Religious Facilities

Nearby Parks

- Old Pioneer Cemetery or Western Cemetery (4 blocks away)
- Sheppard Park (10 blocks away)
- Elliot Park (20 blocks away)

Continued...

Chef Space

(8 blocks away)

- Kitchen Incubator
- State of the art commercial kitchen appliances and equipment
- Entrepreneurship Introduction Program
- Food truck parking and support
- Small restaurant spaces

Lily Pad

(8 blocks away)

- Pocket park with a platform, chairs, and benches
- Outdoor movie viewing wall
- Barbecue area
- Picnic Table

Kentucky Center for African American Heritage

(8 blocks away)

- Space for events, exhibitions, festivals, and lectures
- Arts & cultural programming

Historic Quinn Chapel Building

(9 blocks away)

- Use T.B.D.
- Stabilization activities underway

1619 Flux Art + Activism

(9 blocks away)

- Venue for events, parties, meetings, launches, and programming

Russell Neighborhood Health Center

(9 blocks away)

- Adult Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Women's Health
- Dental and Mental Tele-Health
- WIC Nutritional Services
- Social Services
- Diabetic/Nutritional Counseling
- Health Education
- Exercise Classes

Opportunity Corner

(12 blocks away)

- Farmer's Market (Aug. - Nov.)
- Incubator business space
- Community Garden

Louisville Urban League

(11 blocks away)

- Workforce training, job counseling and placement
- Rental readiness, home pre- and post-purchase and foreclosure mitigation counseling
- Justice and expungement services
- Youth services
- Health navigators
- Miniature Golf Course

Republic Bank Foundation YMCA

(13 blocks away)

- Healthy Living Center with cardio and strength equipment
- Group exercise studios and classes
- Indoor pool for swimming and water fitness
- Kids' Club with child care
- Indoor walking/running track
- Gymnasium
- Sports fields
- Outdoor play space
- Community meeting space
- Best Buy Teen Tech Center

Russell Vision Center

(12 blocks away)

- Old VOA Building
- Event space available for community meetings and events

Norton Sports Health Athletics & Learning Complex by the Louisville Urban League

(17 blocks away)

Phase I

- 2-lane bowling alley
- Rock climbing wall
- Outdoor track
- Competitive indoor track
- Green space
- Thorntons Convenience Store

Phase II

- T.B.D.

Oak and Acorn Intergenerational Center

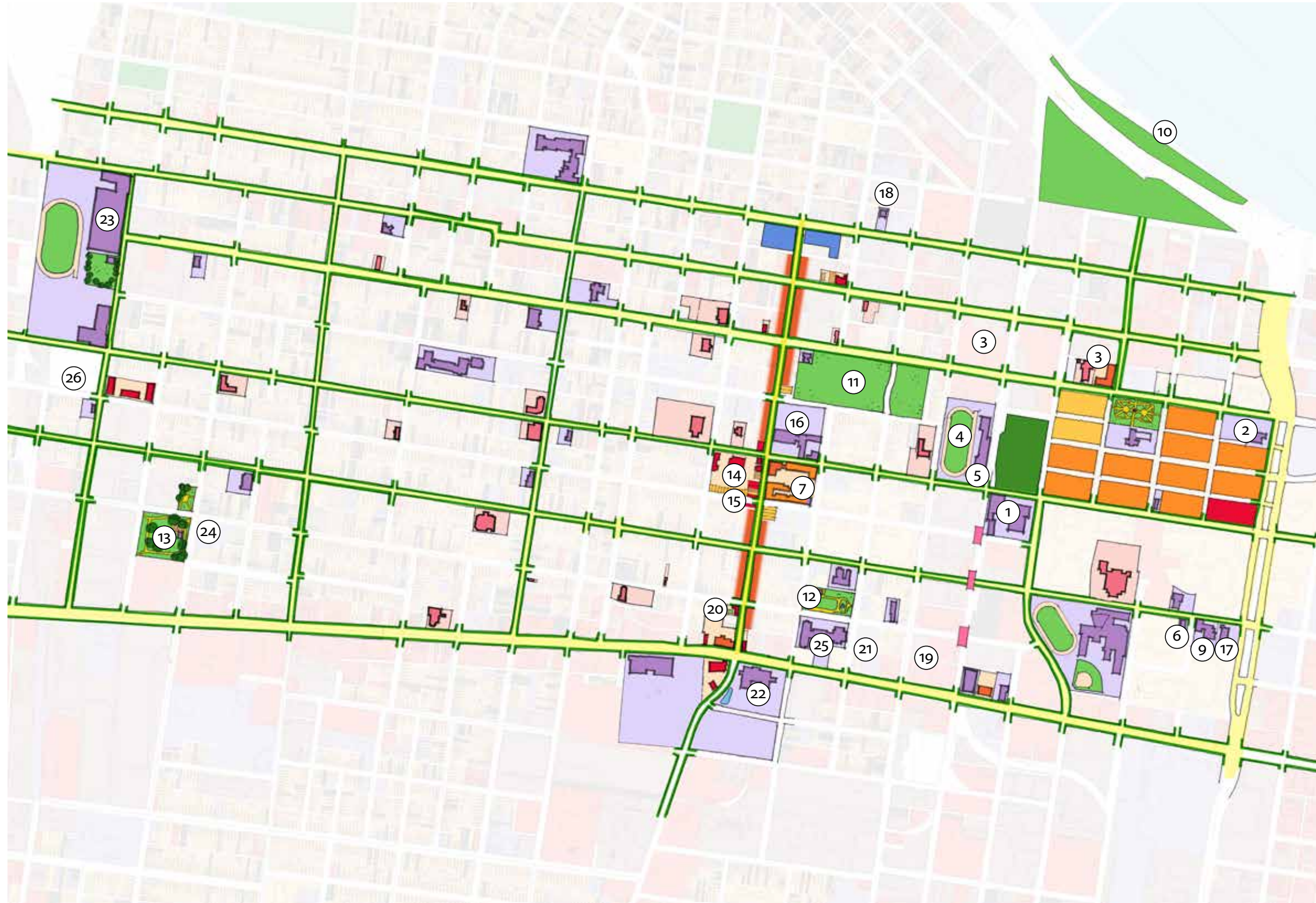
(20 blocks away)

- Senior Activities

Other Opportunity Spaces

- Roosevelt Perry Elementary
- Parcel where Madison Street Warehouse used to be

Location of Amenities in Russell



- ① LCCC Old Walnut Plaza
- ② LCCC MiniVersity
- ③ The Village at W. Jefferson, MOLO
- ④ Central HS Stadium
- ⑤ Junior Achievement
- ⑥ Western Library
- ⑦ Russell Apartments
- ⑧ Russell Vision Center
- ⑨ Chestnut St. YMCA
- ⑩ Phase 4 Waterfront Park
- ⑪ Old Pioneer/Western Cemetery
- ⑫ Sheppard Park
- ⑬ Elliot Park
- ⑭ Chef Space
- ⑮ Lily Pad
- ⑯ Kentucky Center for African American Heritage
- ⑰ Historic Quinn Chapel
- ⑱ 1619 Flux Art + Activism
- ⑲ Russell Neighborhood Health Center
- ⑳ Opportunity Corner
- ㉑ Louisville Urban League
- ㉒ Republic Bank Foundation YMCA
- ㉓ Norton Sports Health Athletics & Learning Complex
- ㉔ Oak & Acorn Intergenerational Center
- ㉕ Roosevelt Perry Elementary
- ㉖ Former Madison St. Warehouse
- Russell Churches

Phase IV Waterfront Park



- Educational/adventure playground
- Gardens, exhibits, and kiosks
- Pathways, benches, passive park space
- Partnership with Science Center

Norton Sports Health Athletics & Learning Complex by the Louisville Urban League



- Championship-level facilities for track & field
- STEM-focused education space & programming
- Health-focused programming
- Bowling, rock wall climbing
- Thorntons Convenience Store

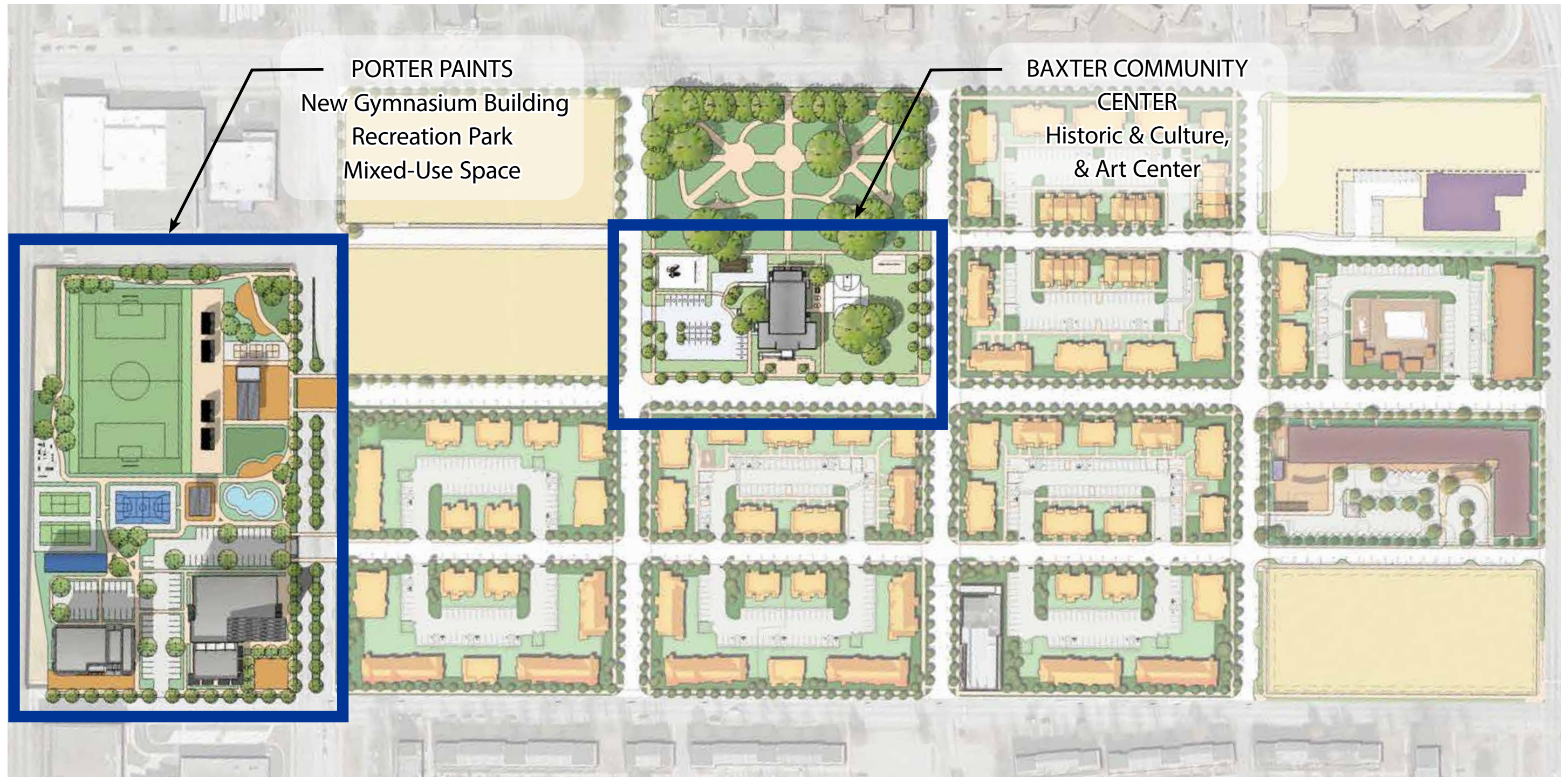
Visions

Baxter Community Center & Porter Paints

Two Options

	Vision 1	Vision 2
Baxter Community Center	Art, Culture, & History Center Internal Reconfiguration	Restored Community Center New Accessible Entry Addition
Porter Paints Site	New Community Center (with Gymnasium) Recreation Park Amenities Mixed-Use Space	State-of-the-Art Pavilion Recreation Park Amenities Mixed-Use Space

Vision 1



Baxter Community Center

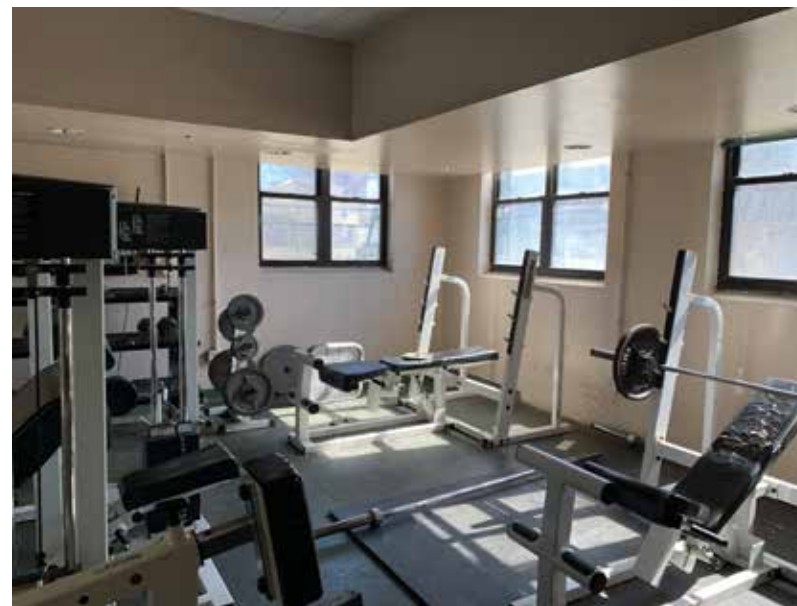
WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED?

(STRUCTURE, SYSTEMS, AND CODE)

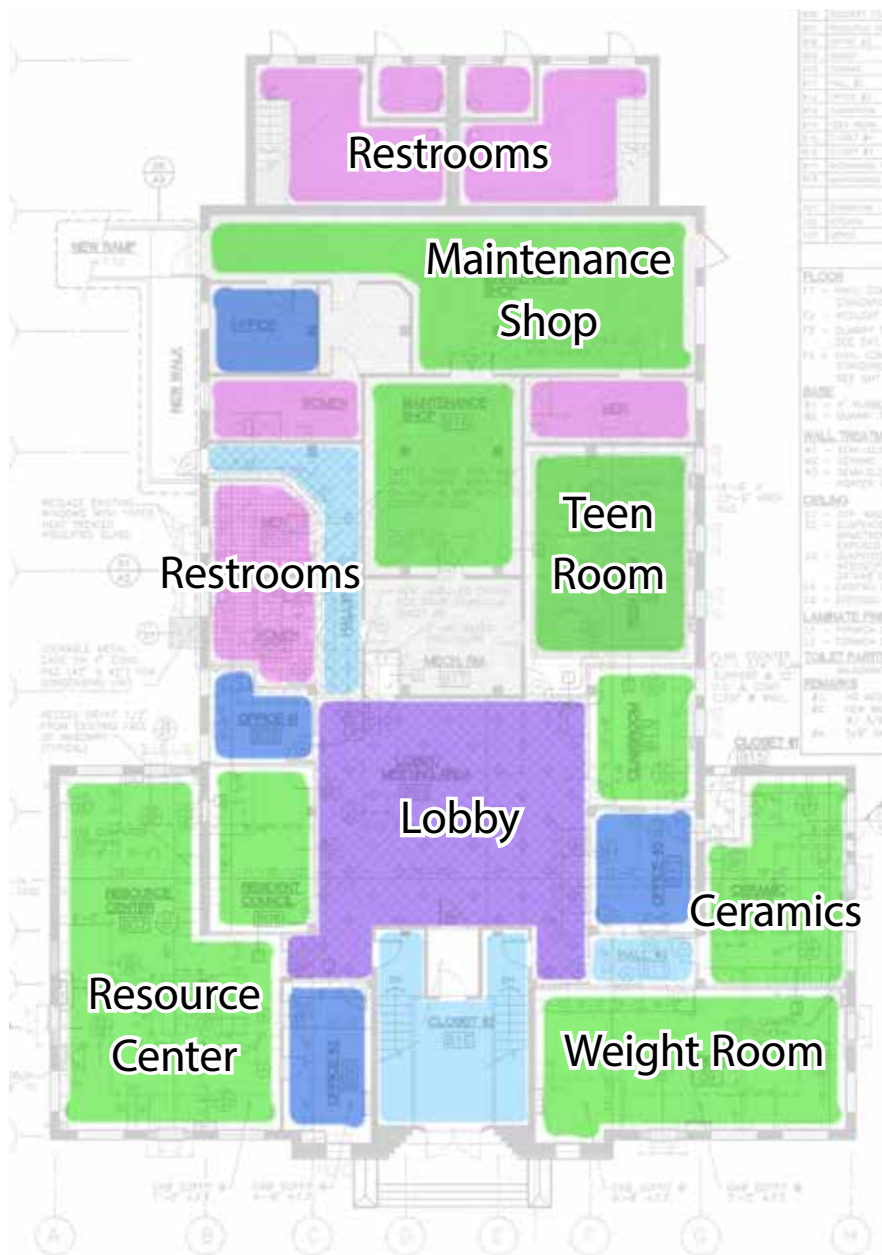
- New roof
- New HVAC system and ductwork
- Accessible entry with ramp
- Elevator
- Two stairs to each level for egress

WHAT IS POSSIBLE?

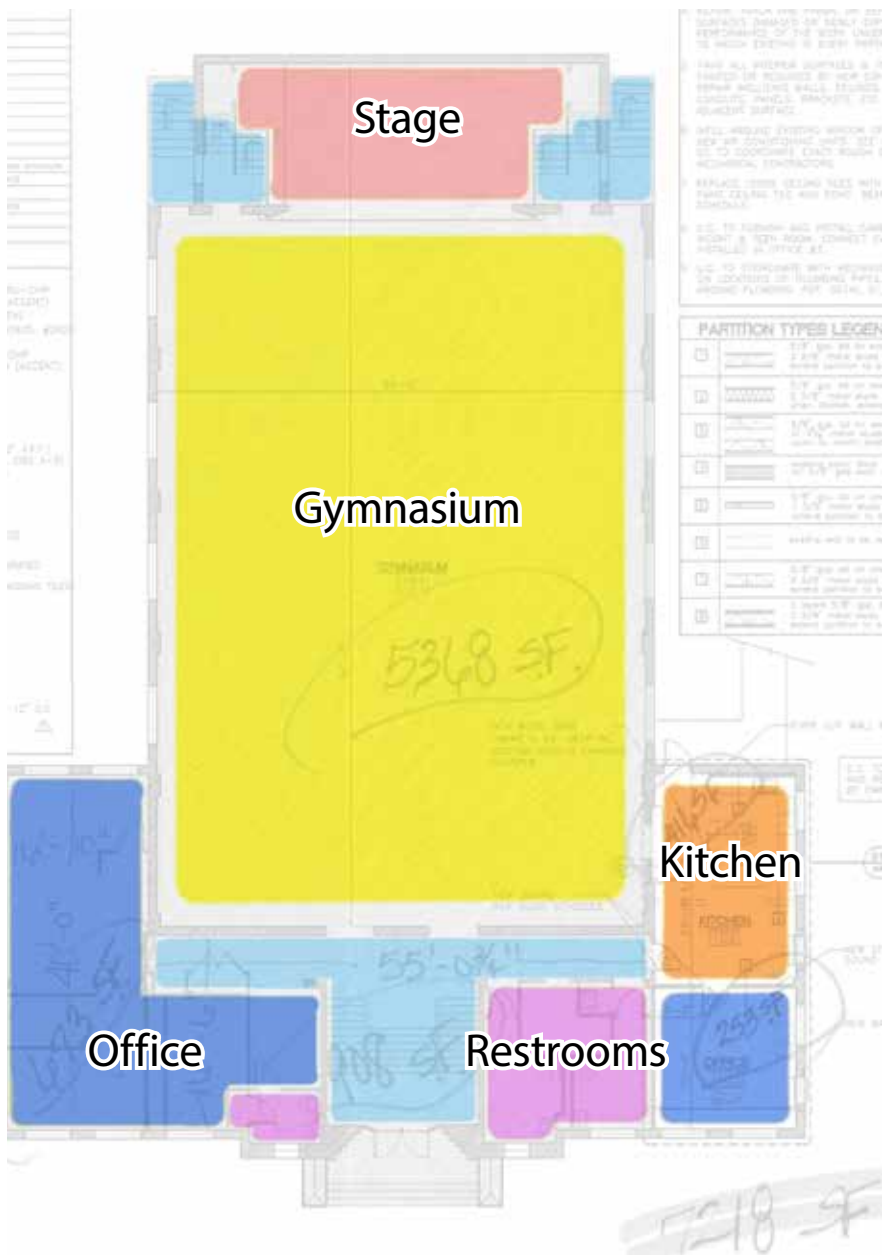
- Remove the soffits that block light in the basement to open up the spaces
- Remove internal walls that are not load bearing
- WiFi throughout the building and outdoors
- Renovation of all internal spaces
- Open up the entry and stairs to bring in more light
- Entry sequence with check-in desk, small office, places for coats and bags, lounge area



Baxter Community Center — Existing Layout



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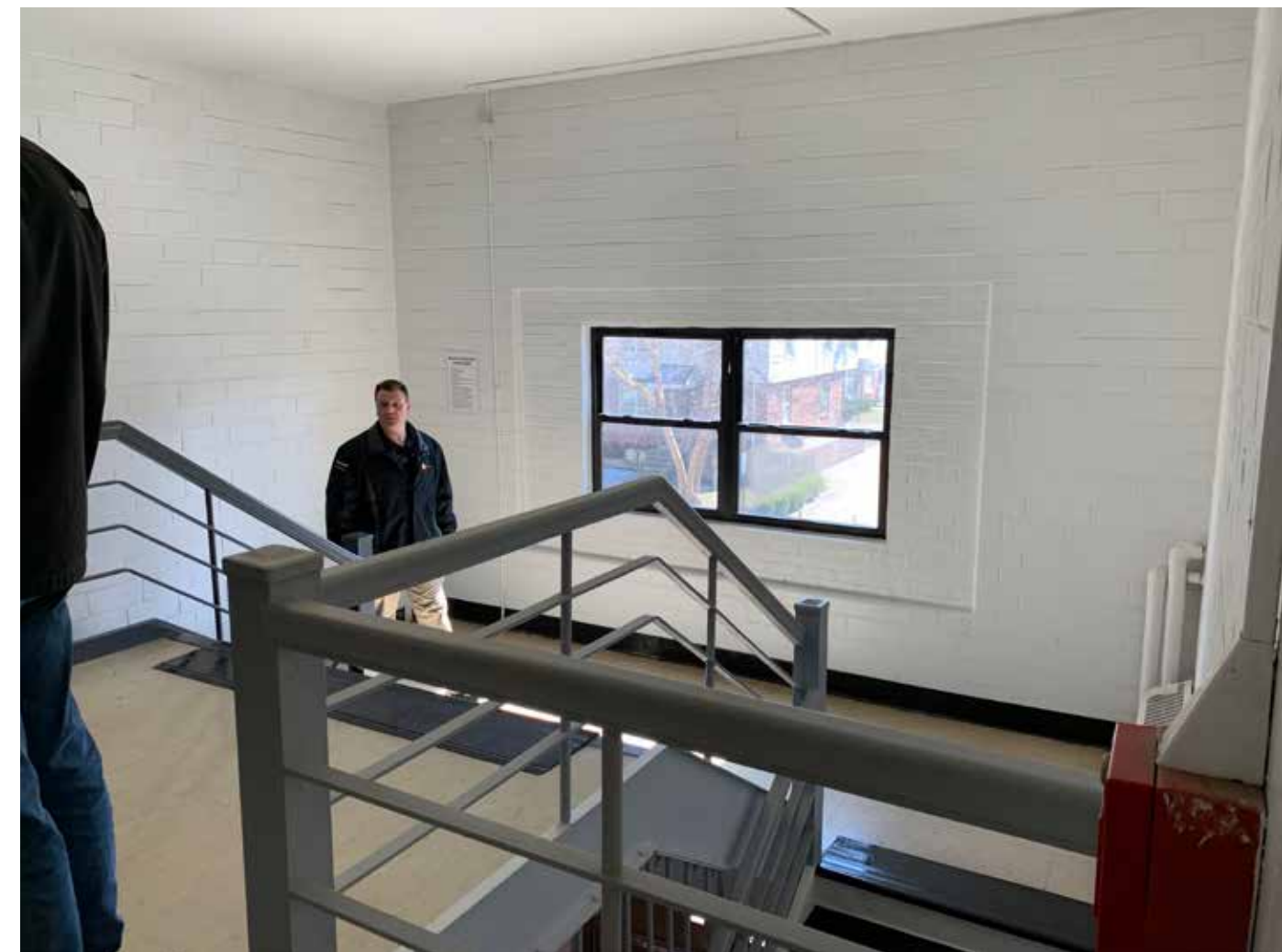


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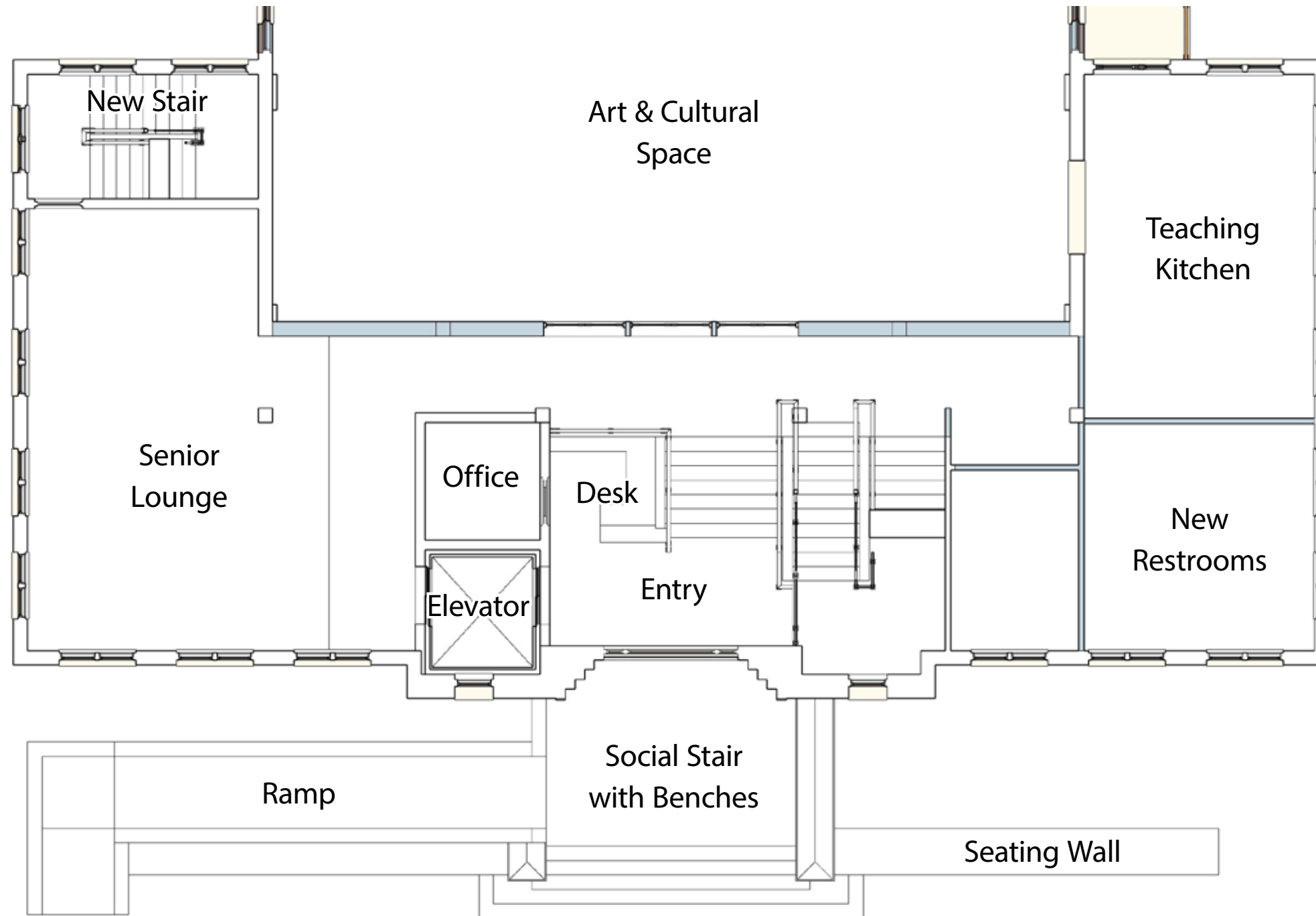


SECOND FLOOR

Vision 1 — Baxter Internal Entry Reconfiguration



Vision 1 — Baxter Community Center



Vision 1 — Baxter Community Center today



Vision 1 — Baxter Community Center Future



Vision 1 — Baxter

Reuse gymnasium as a cultural & art Center

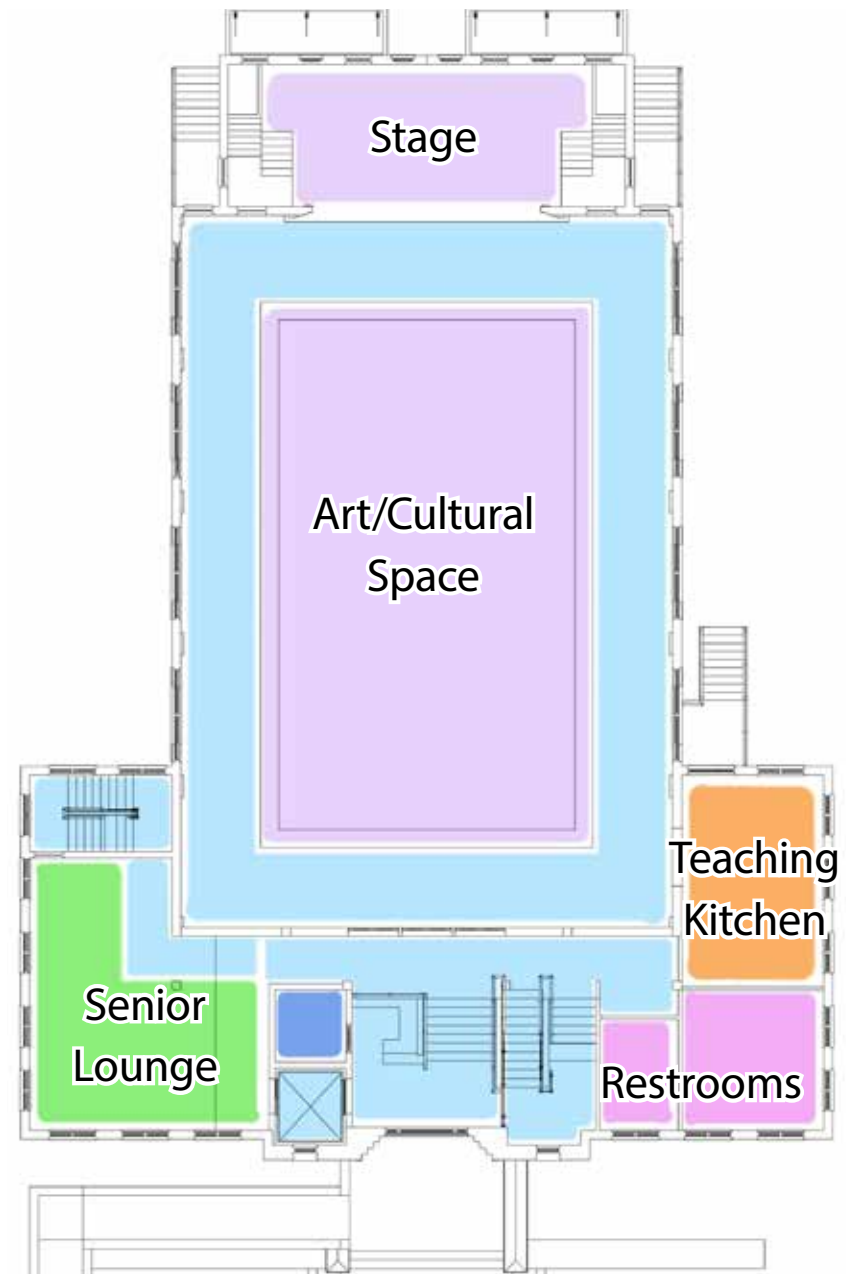
- Use hanging and free-standing partitions to divide the space
- Gallery space to highlight Russell and West Louisville artists
- Event and class/education space



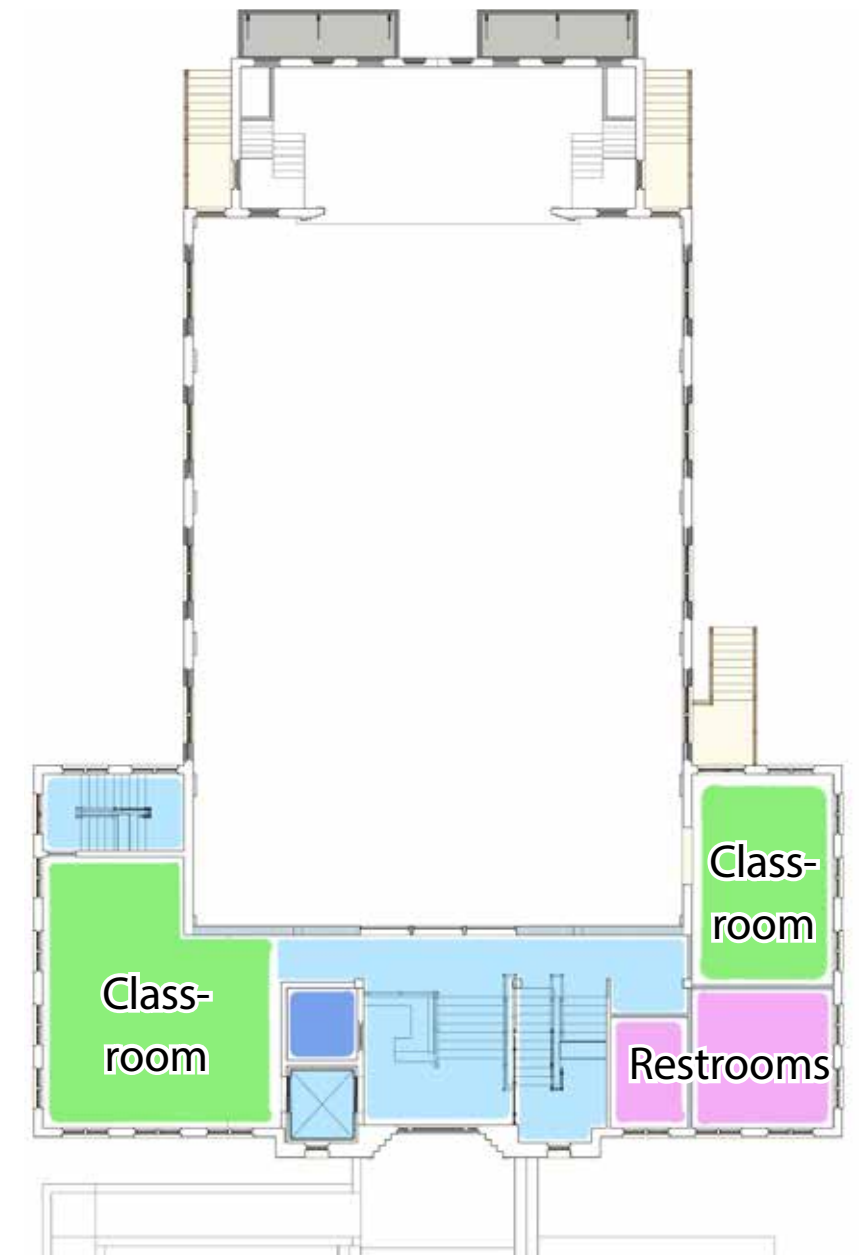
Vision 1 — updated Baxter Community Center



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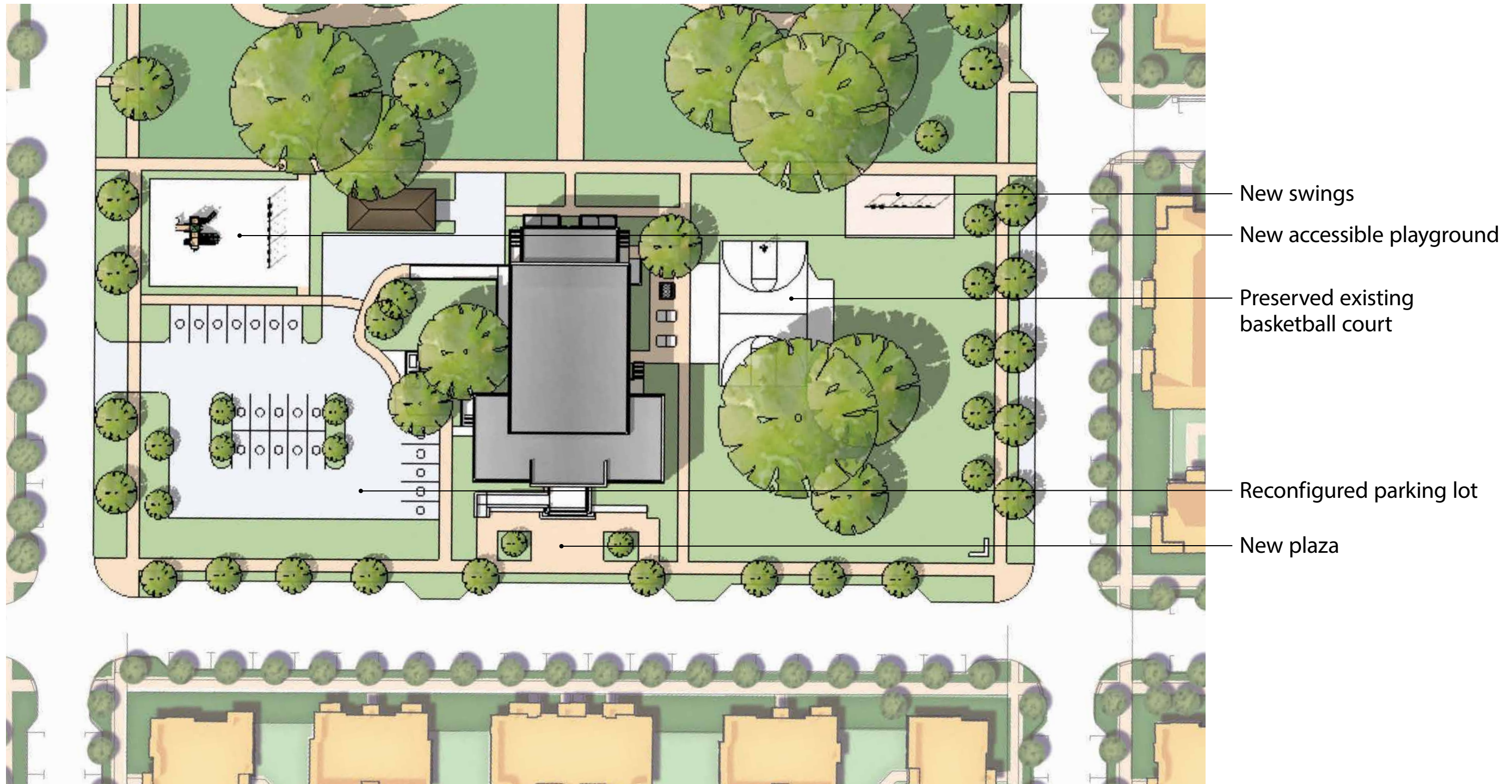


FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

Vision 1 — Baxter Community Center Site Plan



Vision 1 — Porter Paints site



Vision 1 — New Gymnasium Building



- New regulation-sized gymnasium
- Walking track
- Education and program spaces

Vision 1 — Porter Paints site



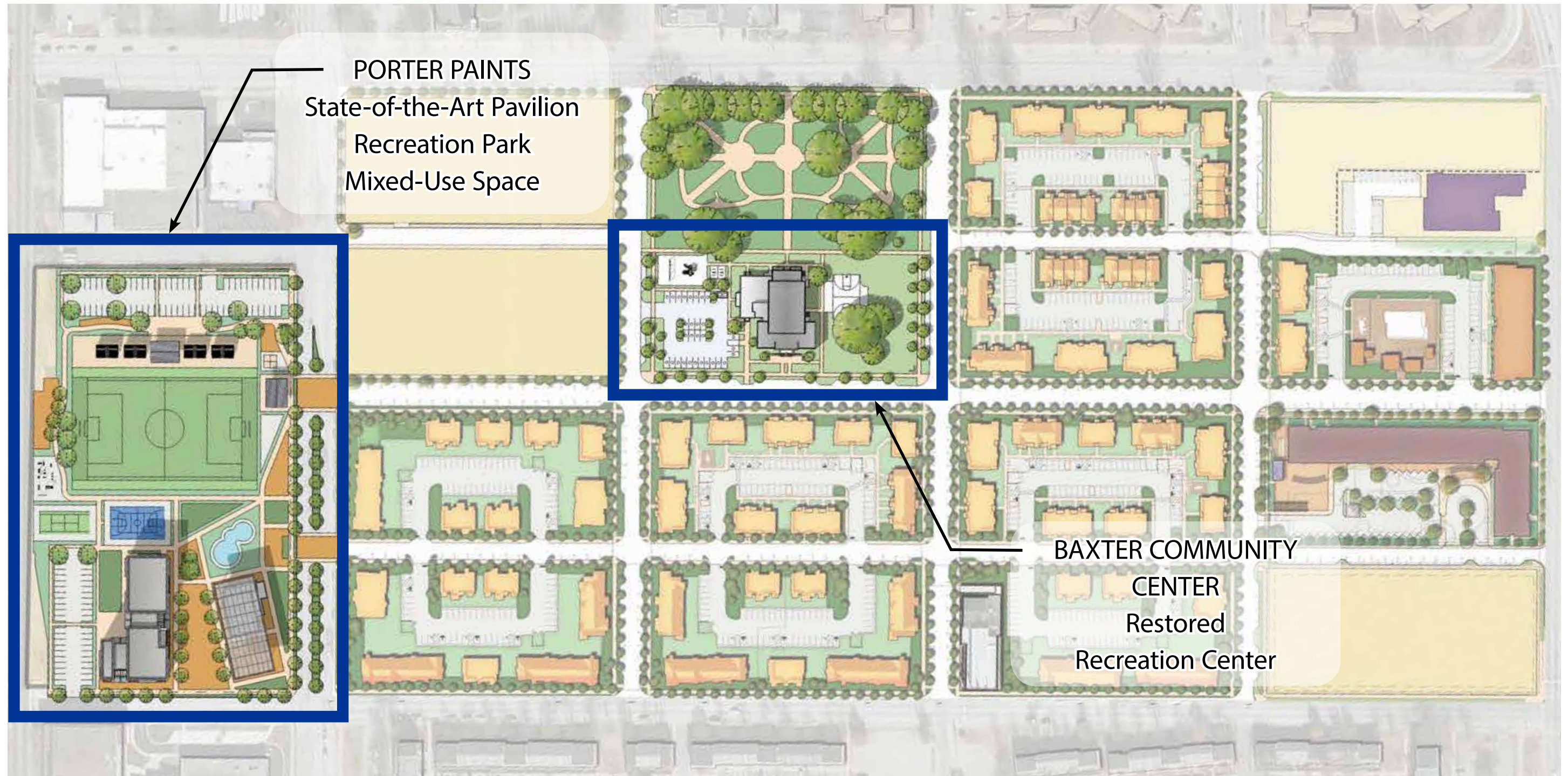
Vision 1 — Porter Paints site



Vision 1 — Porter Paints Site Plan



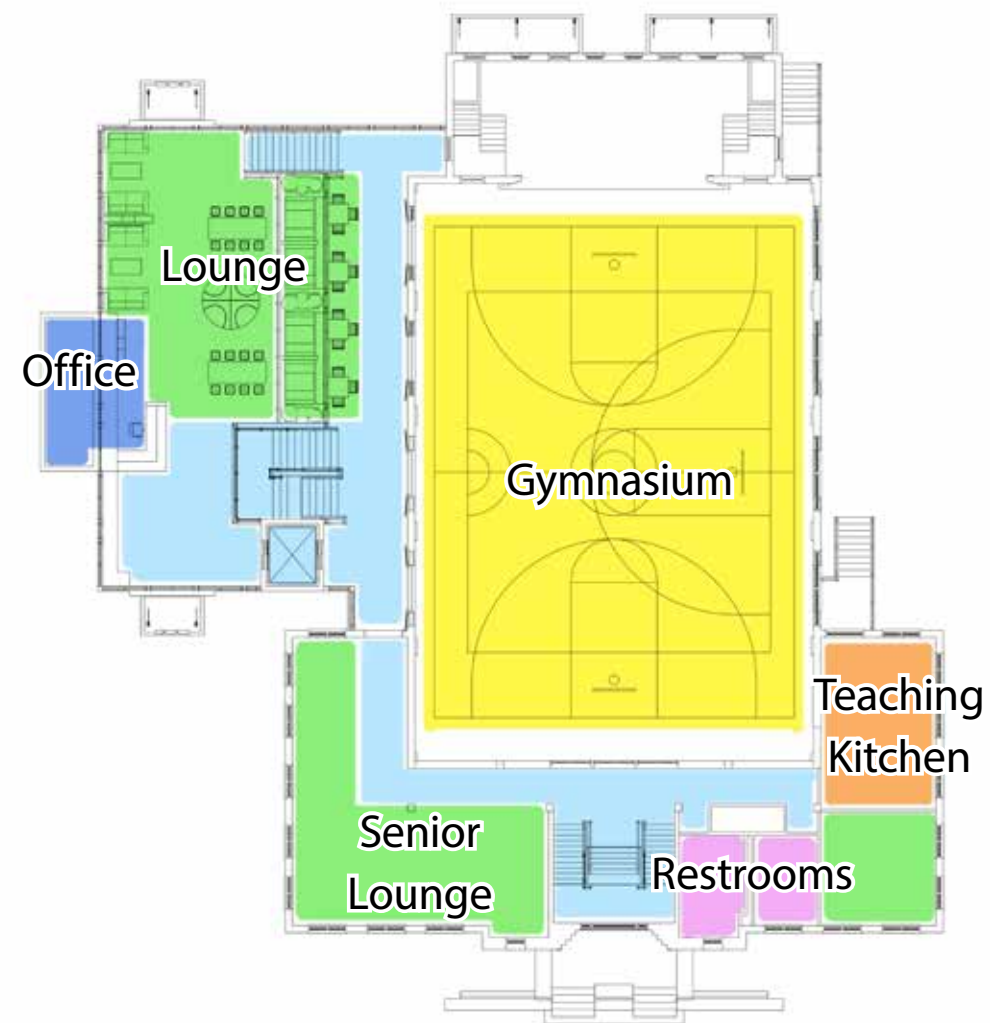
Vision 2



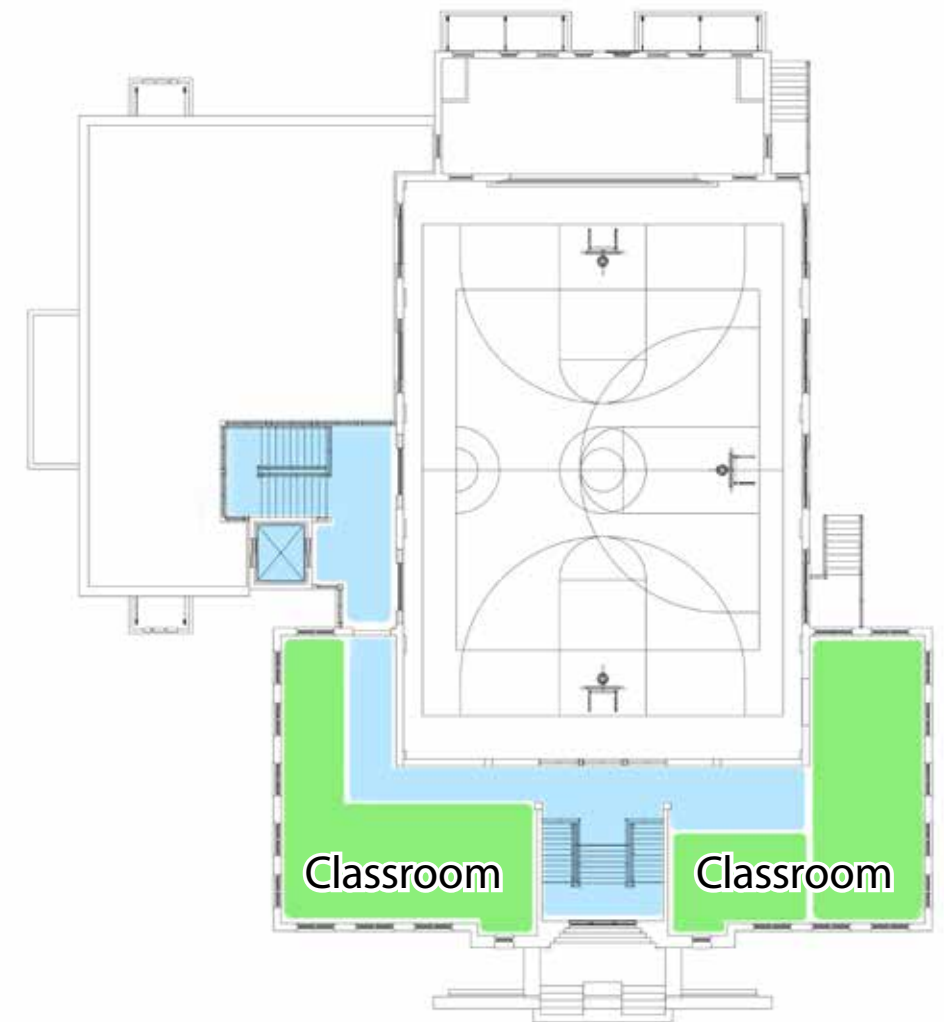
Vision 2 — updated Baxter Community Center



BASEMENT LEVEL



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SECOND FLOOR

Vision 2 — New entry addition



Vision 2 — Lounge & Gymnasium Space

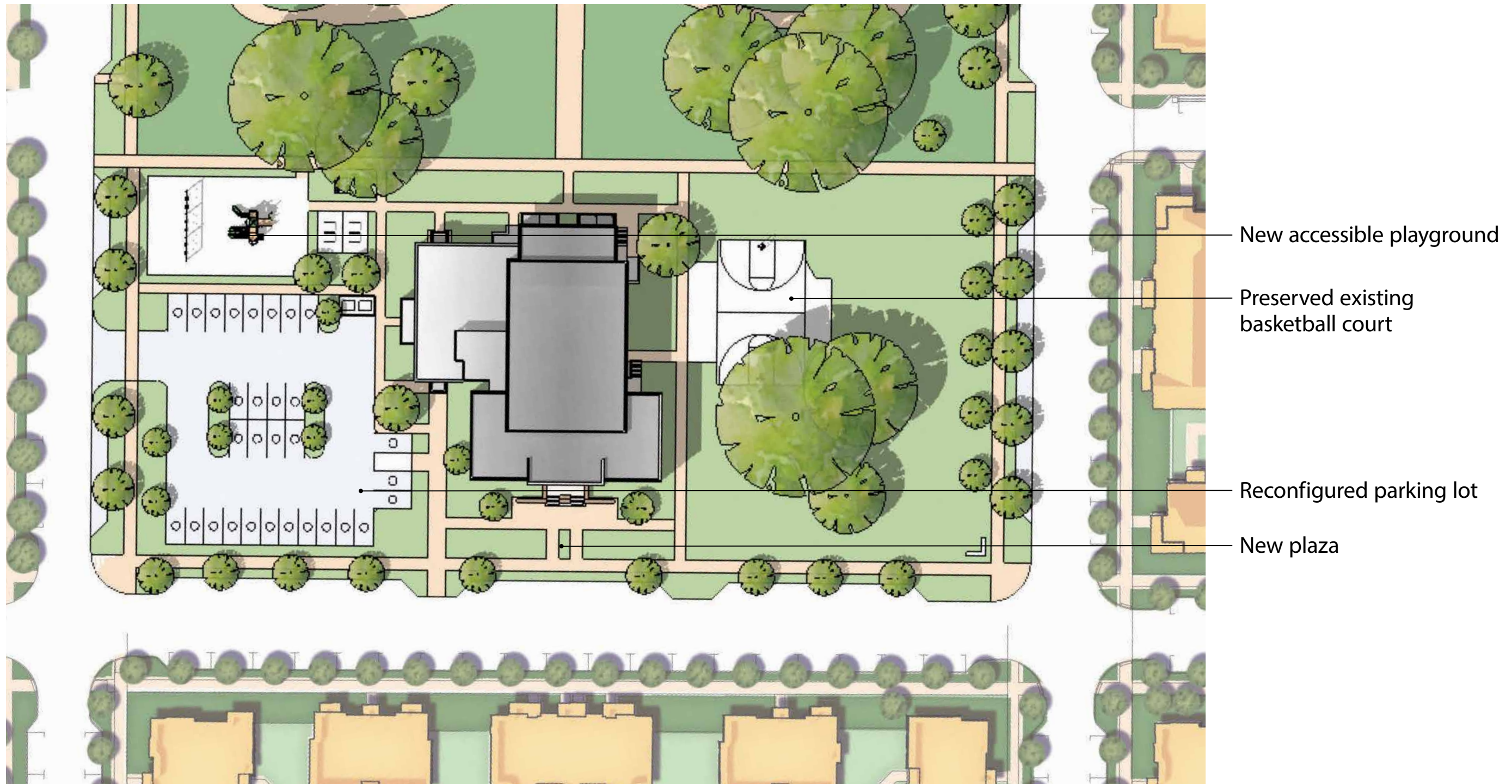


Vision 2 — Park-Facing Facade



- Restore and improve the bathrooms accessible from the park
- Add awnings above the bathroom doors with signage
- Restore the existing mural and/or design a series of new murals facing the park

Vision 2 — Baxter Community Center Site Plan



Vision 2 — Porter Paints site



Vision 2 — Porter Paints site



Vision 2 — Park Pavilion Inspiration



Vision 2 — Porter Paints site



Vision 2 — Porter Paints Site Plan



Baxter Community Center

- Design concepts for the Baxter Community Center were developed with the following SHPO recommendations in mind:
 - Any addition should be significantly smaller than the original building
 - Avoid covering or modifying original openings (keep the current fenestration & openings)
 - New additions to the building should have similar proportions
 - Maintain major interior spaces, like the gym
 - Keep the prominence of the current entrance



Listening to the Community

Vision 1

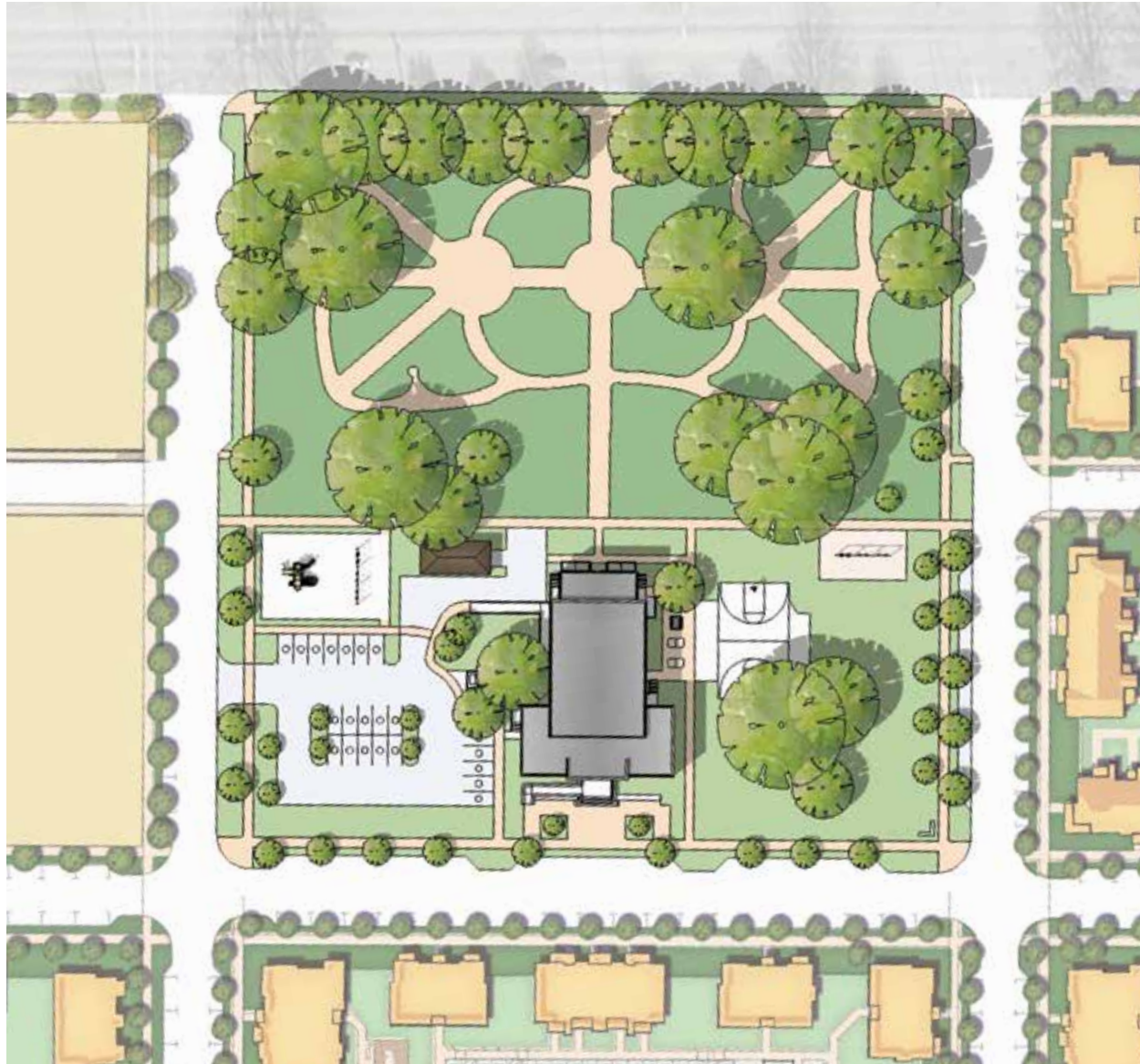


Vision 2



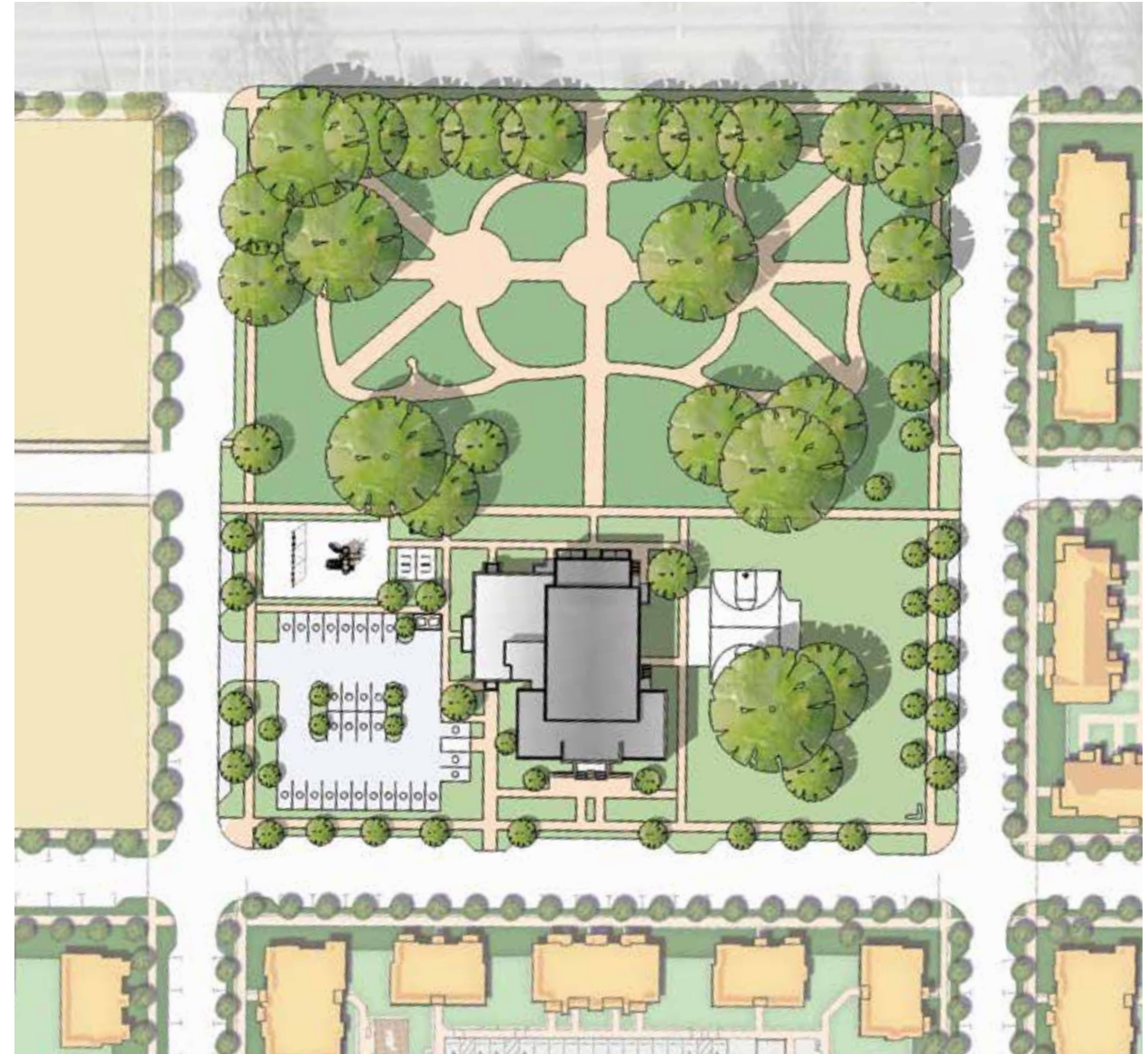
Baxter Community Center

Vision 1



Estimated Cost:
\$5,600,000

Vision 2



Estimated Cost:
\$10,100,000

Porter Paints Site

Vision 1



Vision 2



Estimated Cost:

\$11,800,000

Mixed-Use Building - \$2,000,000

Gymnasium - \$7,300,000

Other Park Features - \$2,500,000

Estimated Cost:

\$7,100,000

Mixed-Use Building - \$3,750,000

Other Park Features - \$3,350,000

Second Survey Results

Porter Paints Site & Baxter Community Center
Recreational Amenities, Building Use, & Site Design Survey

PORTER PAINTS SITE & BAXTER COMMUNITY CENTER

Recreational Amenities, Building Use, and Site Design Survey

(OPTIONAL)

Name _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

ABOUT THIS SURVEY

This survey is intended to gather your feedback on two alternative visions for the Porter Paints site and Baxter community center. The visions for these recreational amenities and weather terrace are based on input and feedback received from residents and stakeholders during the recent focus group and design workshops, and an earlier survey. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on these two concepts.

You can visit www.johnsonville.com/ky/whats-new-to-ky to view a detailed presentation and a video explaining these two visions, or to complete the survey online.

VISION 1



VISION 2



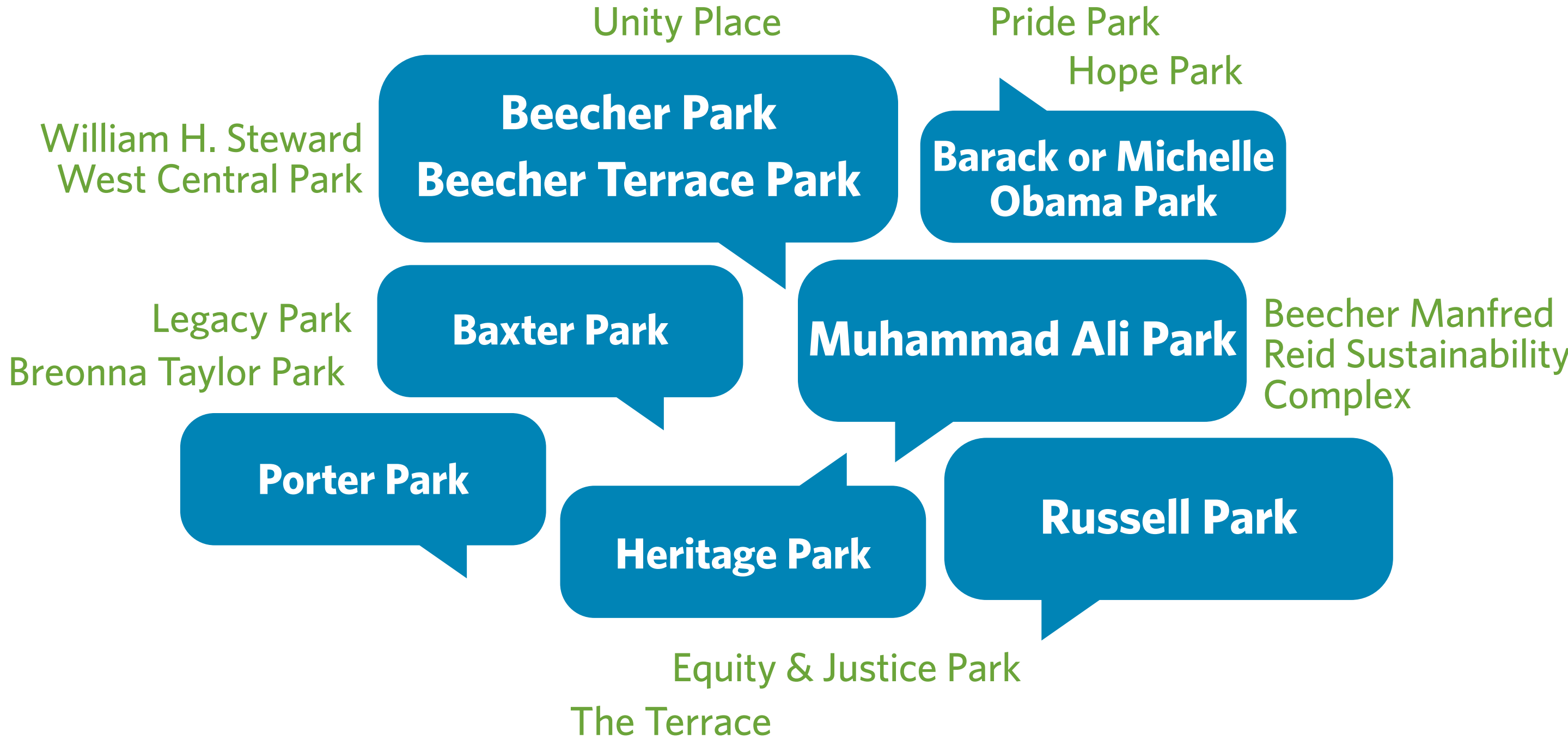
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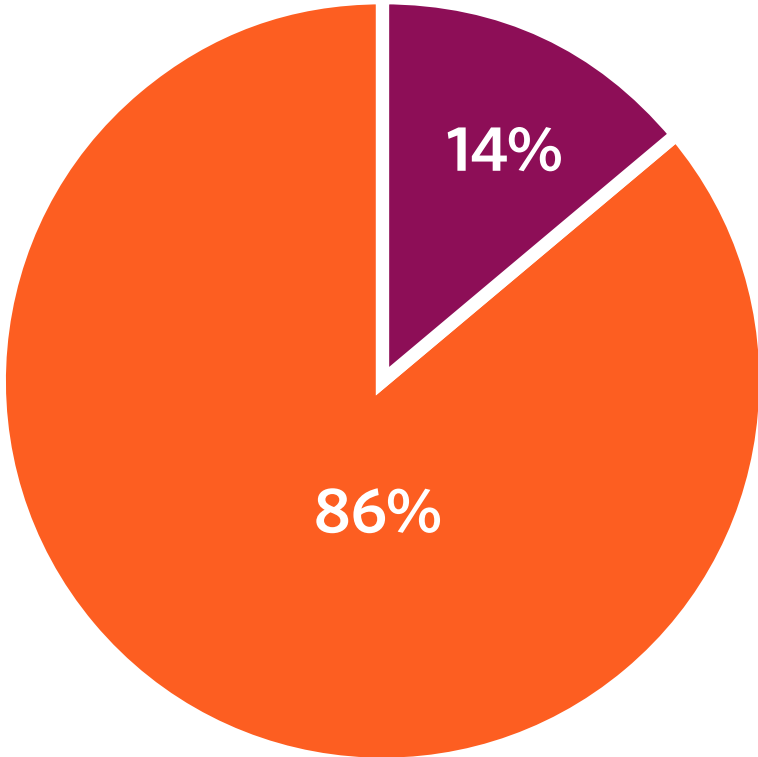
SURVEY RESPONSES



QUESTION 1: Do you have any name suggestions for the new park on the former Porter Paints site?



QUESTION 2: Which of the two alternatives for Baxter Community Center do you prefer?
Choose one.



VISION 1

View from Liberty Street
and 11th Street



VISION 2

View from Liberty Street
and 12th Street



QUESTION 3: Tell us why you like the Vision you picked for the Baxter Community Center.

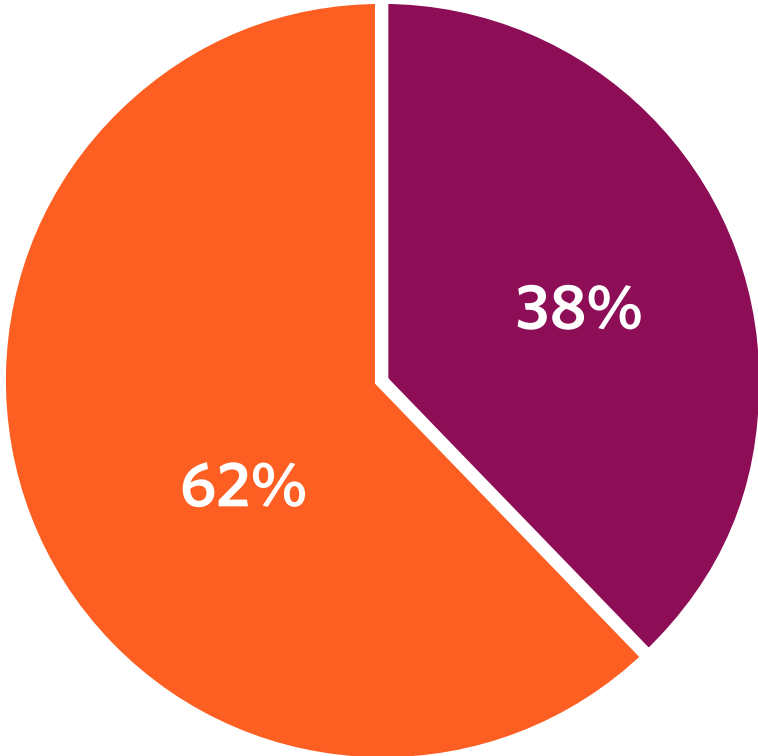
VISION 1

- Dedicated Cultural Arts Center (2)
- Green Space
- Easy Access
- For the Residents
- Arts and Education
- Looks Original
- Preserves the Historic Building

VISION 2

- Beautiful and Better (10)
- New Addition Provides More Space for More People (6)
- More Attractions & Opportunities for Everyone (6)
- New & Updated Architecture (5)
- Multi-Purpose Use (4)
- Addition Preserves Historic Building Exterior (4)
- More Room for Family Gatherings & Education (3)
- Baxter Deserves to Be Restored (3)
- Large Community Green Space (3)

QUESTION 4: Which of the two alternatives for the Porter Paints Site do you prefer? Choose one.



VISION 1

View from Muhammad Ali Boulevard



VISION 2

View from Muhammad Ali Boulevard



QUESTION 5: Tell us why you like the Vision you picked for the Porter Paints Site.

VISION 1

- More Options & Opportunities for Everyone (8)
- Nice Walking Trail (6)
- Better Outdoor Amenities (3)
- Multi-Purpose Functionality of the Gym (3)
- Give Kids Something Different to Do (3)
- More Athletic Options (3)
- More Space for Children in the Community
- Peaceful Place to Come
- Brings People Together

VISION 2

- Open Market (11)
- Community Gathering (10)
- More Opportunities for Different Activities and People (7)
- Community Pavilion and Public Plaza (7)
- More Space (3)
- Better for the Community and Community Involvement (3)
- Space for Outdoor Stage & Theater (3)
- Looks Inviting (2)
- Variety of Kids Activities (2)

QUESTION 6: Please put check marks next to you favorite top 10 total amenities from those listed below.



Public Plaza for Community Gatherings & Markets

86



Walking Trail

78



ADA Accessible Playground

78



Lounges for Teens and Seniors

72



Outdoor Basketball Court at Baxter

72



Indoor Kitchen

72



Indoor Programmed Education Space

69



Little League Football & Soccer Field (up to age 12)

68



Spray Park

68



Indoor Walking Track at Porter Paints Site

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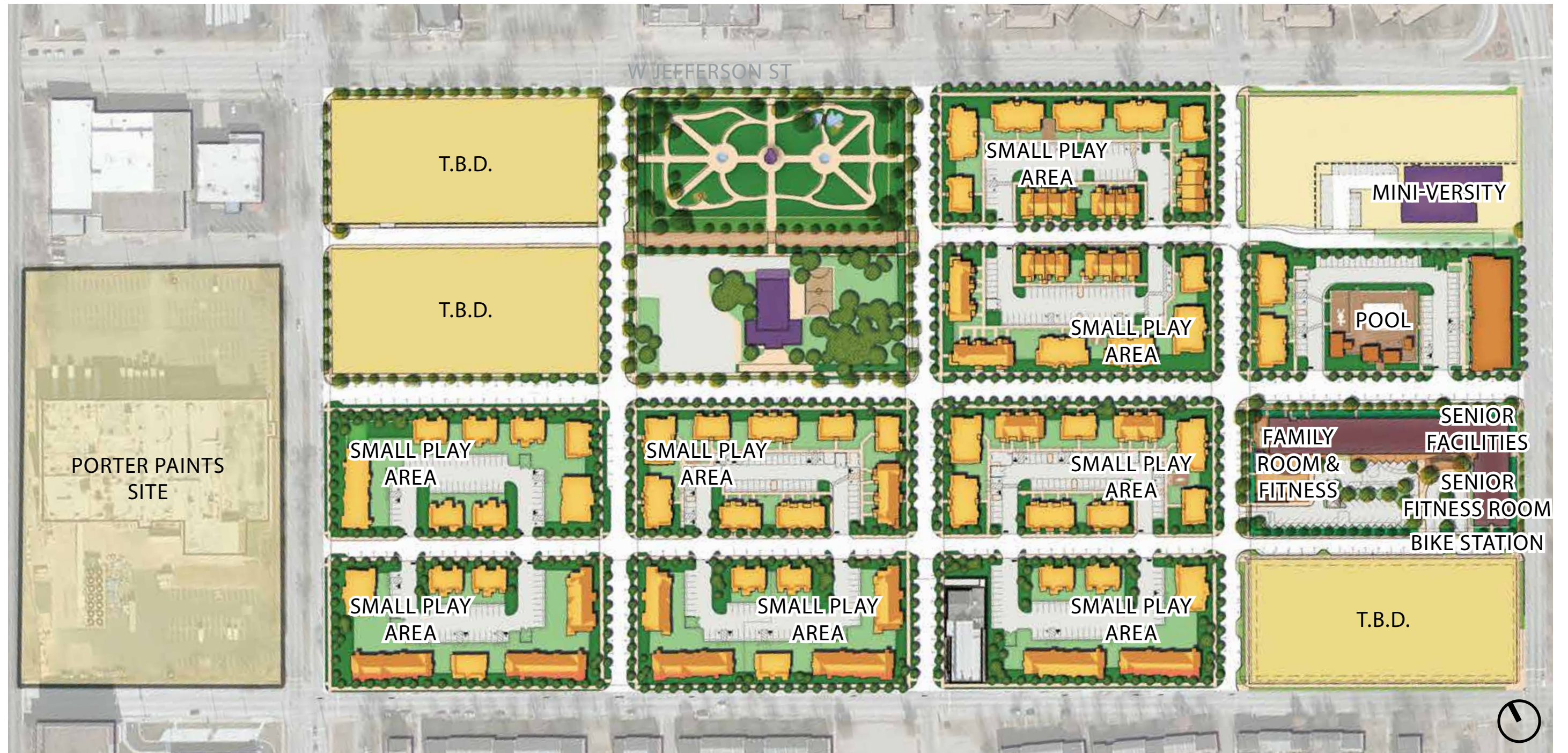
Next Steps

Next Steps

- **Present Results of the 2nd Survey to Community**
- **Refine Visions based on latest input**
- **Further refine plans and cost estimates**
- **Raise additional funds and determine phasing**
- **Finalize plans and implement**



Current site Plan & amenities for residents





Russell Choice Neighborhood Coordinating Committee Meeting Notes

January 27, 2021

Welcome – (Kathleen O’Neil)

Implementation Grant - Neighborhood

- Critical Community Improvements (CCIs)
 - Historic Quinn Chapel Stabilization (Allison Smith) – Negotiations with contractor in-process. Final decision anticipated to be made on February 1st and work completed by July 2022.
 - Smart City Public WiFi (John Hawkins) – RFP issued in Spring 2020, and installation of the WiFi network completed in January 2021. The entire is now functioning and providing Internet access. Frank McNeil asked about efforts to make the availability of the network known to the public. John responded that the project had just been completed within the last few days, and there would be a public announcement coming soon.
 - The Village @ West Jefferson (Pam Bischoff) – Anticipated completion in early February 2021. Tenants to begin moving in on February 15th. Building is approximately 75% leased. Demolition has begun on the rear addition of St. Peter’s United Church of Christ. Pam added that celebrity chef Darnell Ferguson (aka SuperChef) will be opening a seafood restaurant in the building. BJ Adkins added that the Molo Village board was in negotiations with another potential tenant, which would bring the leasing total to 100%. The LMHA Choice Neighborhoods team will be moving offices into the building, likely in March 2021. Ruth Daniels asked if there was a list of tenants available. Pam and Kathleen responded that we could get an updated list to the Coordinating Committee and also include it on the Vision Russell website. (NOTE: Tenants Drippin' Crab, Robin Hood's Coffee Shop, Park Community Credit Union, OVEC Head Start, Leverage Property Management, LMHA, BMN/FLUX/Black CDC- Health and Wellness Clinic, MOLO CDC, and Sponsor 4 Success.)
 - Business Center & Plaza at LCCC (Pam Bischoff) – finishing existing leasehold space in the Business Incubator Center in LCCC's Old Walnut Street campus. Current tenants include Louisville Xtreme Football, I AM Construction Cleaning, Diamond Key Realtors, 2 Hearts Media and Rhinox Research Group. Four additional new potential tenants have been identified. Pam added that there was a “Grand Opening” event for the business plaza in October 2020. The facility is now 70% leased. Ruth Daniels asked if the LCCC theater had been completed. Kathleen and Pam replied that the theater has not been

completed, and LCCC is currently raising funds to complete it. They also noted that the theatre is a separate project from the Business Plaza project, which received Choice Neighborhoods CCI funds.

- 18th Street Corridor Redevelopment (Laura G.) - Three commercial development projects. Final cost estimates are expected in mid-February. Streetscape improvements ready to start upon HUD approval. Streetscape work is anticipated to be complete in Summer/Fall of 2021. Laura added that these improvements will be along 18th Street between Broadway and Muhammad Ali Blvd, and the projects will follow much of the design work completed during the Congress for New Urbanism conference held in Louisville in 2019. There will also be several commercial rehab, rental rehab, and home owner improvement projects along the 18th Street corridor.

Baxter Community Center, Baxter Square Park and Porter Paint Site

- Beecher Terrace Recreational Amenities Master Planning Update (LMHA Staff) – Community survey and focus group meetings were held in Fall 2020, resulting in two design visions for sites. Two design workshops presenting the designs were held in December 2020. A second survey seeking input on two design preferences closed on January 13th. The design presentation, a video explaining same, and survey results are available online at <https://www.engagetheteam.com/BeecherTerrace>. LMHA staff met with James Graham Brown Foundation on January 19th, and hopes to submit a grant application around March 1, 2021. Staff and consultants will be refining designs and construction estimates based on survey results and additional input.

John added that the goals for this project are to replace Old Walnut Street Park, make improvements to Baxter Square Park, preserve and enhance the Baxter Community Center, and add new recreational amenities in the neighborhood. John gave an overview of the initial survey that was used to develop the two alternate design concepts, and explained the visions created for each site. **Vision One** would transform Baxter Community Center into an arts and cultural facility, with a new community center constructed on the Porter Paints site. **Vision Two** retained the current uses of the Baxter Community Center as the site's recreational center, with an addition to the west side of the building, and a large outdoor pavilion on the Porter Paints site. Both visions include a multi-story, non-residential mixed use building on the Porter Paints site. In the second community survey, **86%** of those who responded preferred **Vision Two**.

Kathleen commented that the design consultants (Urban Design Associates) did an excellent job following the State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) recommendations, and on a recent conference call, indicated their strong preference for **Vision Two**. Kathleen added that there is a substantial amount of funding dedicated to this project, and LMHA will be submitting a grant application to the James Graham Brown Foundation around March 1st to help close any funding gaps. Gretchen added that **Vision Two's** addition to the Baxter Community Center addresses all of the previous security and visibility issues associated with the building's

original configuration, and opens up the rear of the building to Baxter Square Park. BJ Adkins asked if there would be space available for tutoring and other educational programs. Kathleen replied that there would be space for education and other enrichment programs, including The Beech, should they decide to return to the site. BJ also asked if fundraising would be done in phases, to which Kathleen replied that the initial fundraising efforts will seek to raise all remaining funds needed to complete the projects. Janice Hoskins asked about community space that could be used for family gatherings. Kathleen replied that there would be the pavilion at Porter Paints, which is proposed to have both outdoor and indoor space. The 450 Roy Wilkins Building also includes a community room and kitchen space, which can be used by Beecher residents for gatherings. Gretchen added that community gatherings could also be held in the renovated gymnasium. Alice Bridges asked who would manage the new facilities. Kathleen responded that this is still in discussion, and that Louisville Metro Parks would likely be involved in some of the operations of the new facilities.

Implementation Grant – Housing

- Demolition – (Laura Kinsell-Baer and Ashley Foell)
 - Third and final phase of Beecher Terrace demo anticipated to be complete in March 2022. There are six buildings still standing currently.
 - Porter Paints demo anticipated to be completed in April 2021.
- Housing
 - Phase 1 updates – residents anticipated to begin moving in this week.
 - Phase 2 updates – anticipated occupancy beginning in March 2021
 - Phase 3 updates – site work continues, including grading, public improvements, and pouring building footings and slabs. Anticipated construction completion in March 2022.
- Reoccupancy – (Pam Bischoff, Joshua Muller, and Heather Hairgrove)
 - Of the 607 presumed-eligible original Beecher Terrace residents who were sent reoccupancy packets, a total of 253 pre-applications have been received as of 1/11/21, including 3 of which would have a 2nd preference
 - Of these, the following housing preferences were noted:
 - 55+ Building On-Site – 83
 - Other On-Site – 220
 - Off-site - 132
 - As of 1/26/21:
 - Phase I: 24 original Beecher Terrace families have returned initial applications and are in the approval process. 10 additional families who are currently participating in the PH program have been moved from the Interest List to the Waiting List and MBM is now certifying their eligibility.
 - Phase II: 83 original Beecher Terrace households have returned an acceptance letter. 23 have returned their initial applications and are now in the approval process.
 - A total of 19 original BT households and approximately 100 families from the HCV waiting list have been offered off-site PBV replacement units.

- Jackie Floyd asked how many off-site PBV units were in Russell. Heather Hairgrove stated that there are three projects currently in the pipeline, but none have been completed yet, and there is a possibility that they may drop out. (NOTE: The actual number of off-site PBV units currently in Russell is 8 and proposed number of units is currently 238.
- Ruth Daniels asked if the off-site units were funded through the Choice Neighborhoods grant. Kathleen replied that the units are funded through LMHA's Project Based Voucher program, which was created for the Choice Neighborhoods grant. The PBV program is similar to the Housing Choice Voucher program, except the subsidy is tied to the housing unit instead of a voucher that is given to the program participant to seek their own rental unit. Any non-Beecher Terrace residents who are interested in off-site PBVs can apply through the Housing Choice Voucher office.
- In response to an earlier question about the grand opening of The 450 Roy Wilkins Building and the ability to tour the building, Kathleen said that virtual tours of new Beecher Terrace units are available online, and the 450 Roy Wilkins Building Grand Opening event may be virtual/online only. In person tours are available for prospective tenants, and tours for community stakeholders can be scheduled through Joshua Muller, joshua.muller@mccormackbaron.com. Model units with furniture will also be available soon.

Implementation Grant - People

- Urban Strategies Update - ([TaLonda Holland](#), [Kristie Stutler](#))
 - COVID Response Overview and Forward Solutions.
 - 414 households enrolled in case management (92% of eligible households)
 - Weekly check-ins since the start of the pandemic.
 - Worked with partners to distribute basic needs (food, toiletries, etc.)
 - Encouraged Census participation and voter registration.
 - Education Grant Awards
 - Grants for tutoring and NTI support.
 - Equity Community Development Leadership Program
 - Training program to help residents connect with service providers and each other.

Upcoming Events

- Villages at West Jefferson Grand Opening
- The 450 Roy Wilkins Building Grand Opening – Date to be determined in April 2021

Next Coordinating Committee Meeting – April 21, 2021, 10 a.m.