

# Beecher Terrace Programmatic Agreement Annual Report

January 29, 2021



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.

<https://visionrussell.org/historic-preservation/programmatic-agreement/>

## 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 Initiation

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. In 2019, work on the JCPS Curriculum development was initiated in partnership with the Frazier Museum and Corn Island Archaeology.

## Project Progress

Since the Programmatic Agreement was finalized there have been ten Quarterly Meetings have been conducted. Despite the COVID-19 State of Emergency, Consulting Party Quarterly Meetings in 2020 (3/5; 6/4; 9/3; and 12/3) were able to be conducted virtually through the WebEx platform. Recordings of these meetings were also made available of the Vision Russell website.

These meetings have provided updates on the mitigation projects associated with Stage 1. Projects for the Western Library African American Archives, [The Cornerstones of Russell](#) (Louisville Story Program), Archaeological Data Recovery/Public Outreach, and JCPS Curriculum development, While the pandemic slowed the progress of the mitigation projects due to safety protocols, the documentary film, *The Beecher Terrace Story* was completed by Lavel D. White and premiered in February 2020. Numerous recognitions for the film are outlined in the presentation from March 2020 Quarterly meeting. [https://visionrussell.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Beecher-Terrace-CP-Meeting-Presentation-03052020\\_new.pdf](https://visionrussell.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Beecher-Terrace-CP-Meeting-Presentation-03052020_new.pdf)

Progress updates on Stage 1 including Residential Phase I, Residential Phase II, and Residential Phase III have also been presented at the Quarterly Meetings. Demolition has been completed in the Phase I, Phase II section, and Phase III (expected to be completed in early 2021) as described in the Demolition Plan provided in the PA. Archaeological work for data recovery on the Phase III site was also completed in 2020, despite the COVID-19 pandemic environment.

Additionally, Consultation for Residential Phase IV and V (Stage IV) was conducted at the December 3, 2020 Quarterly Meeting. Consultation have been presented in accordance with the PA. Stage IV was determined to have “**No Additional 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. A determination of concurrence is pending the submittal of additional information requested by SHPO.

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 5, 2021** at 6:00 pm. Location to be determined (likely virtual).

Respectfully submitted,



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