

# SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTIES MEETING

**JUNE 3, 2021**

FACILITATOR –

CYNTHIA ELMORE, LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT

PRESENTERS –

PAM BISCHOFF, LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY

REBECCA INGRAM, JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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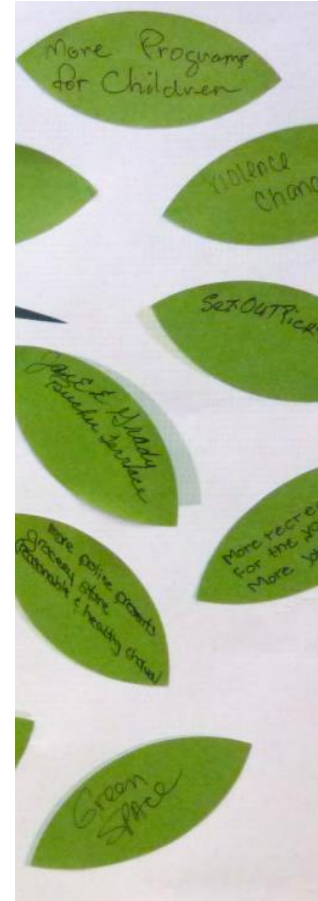
DARCY THOMPSON, LOUISVILLE STORY PROGRAM

LAVEL WHITE, THE BEECHER TERRACE STORY

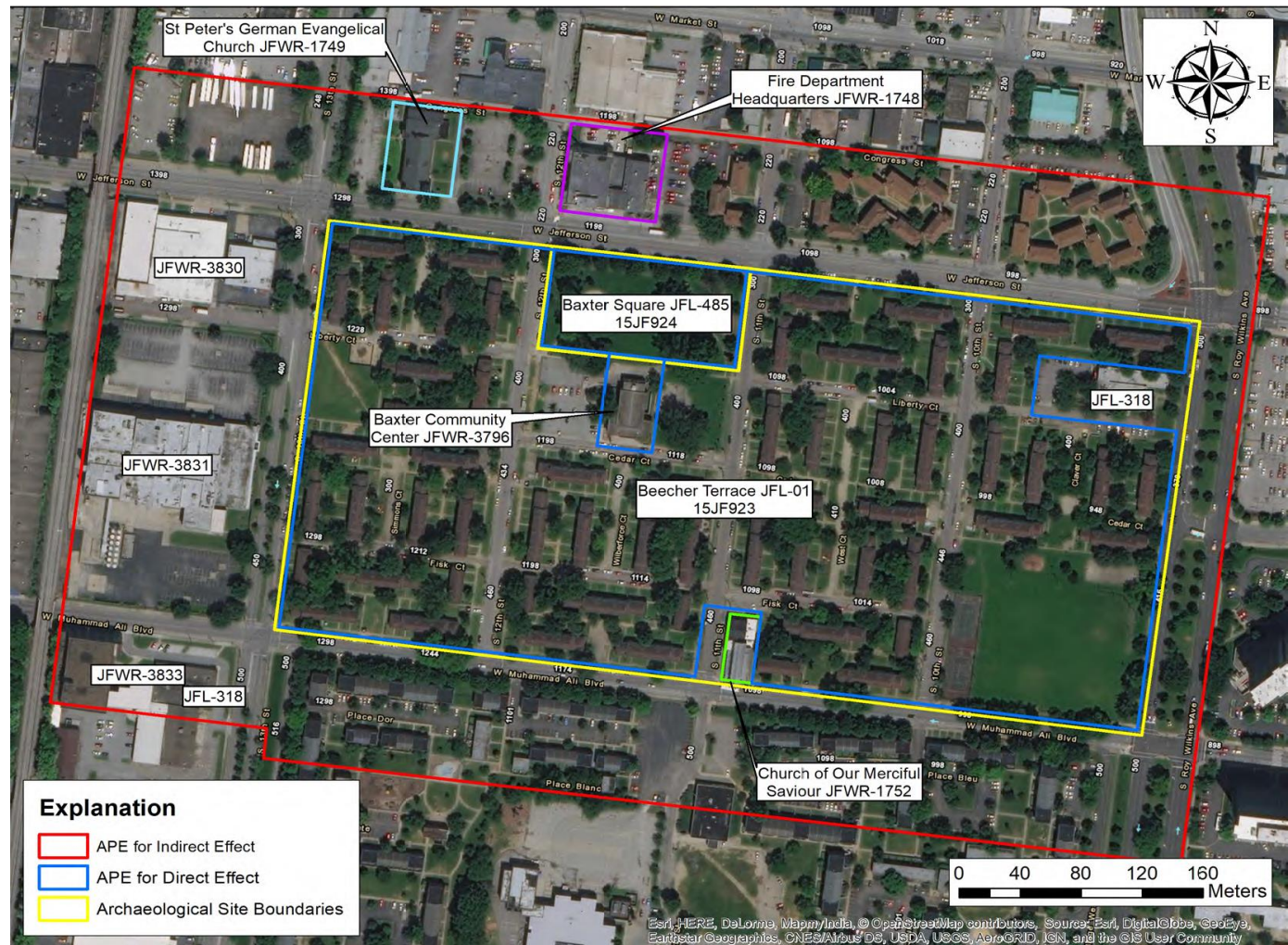
ANNE BADER/DAVE SCHATZ, CORN ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGY

# 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

# Beecher Phasing Site Plan

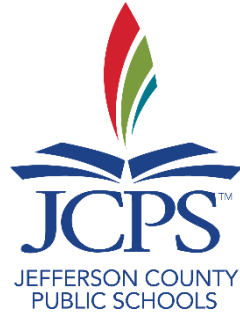


URBAN DESIGN ASSOCIATES

## BEECHER TERRACE SITE PLAN — PHASING

Phase I Phase II Phase III Phase IV Phase V

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# Public Education and Outreach

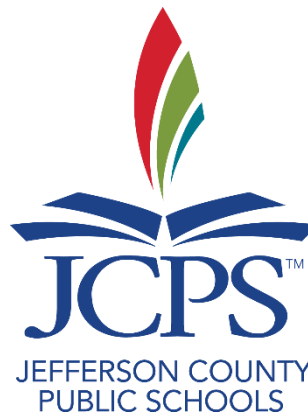
*Pam Bischoff and Rebecca Ingram*



## **July 2021 – June 2022**

- Inquiry Based Learning Curriculum
  - Elementary, Middle, High School
- Artifact Learning Kits
  - Physical boxed kits & Virtual kits
- Display at Frazier History Museum
- Permanent Installation at new Beecher Terrace
- Beecher Terrace Family Day at Frazier Museum

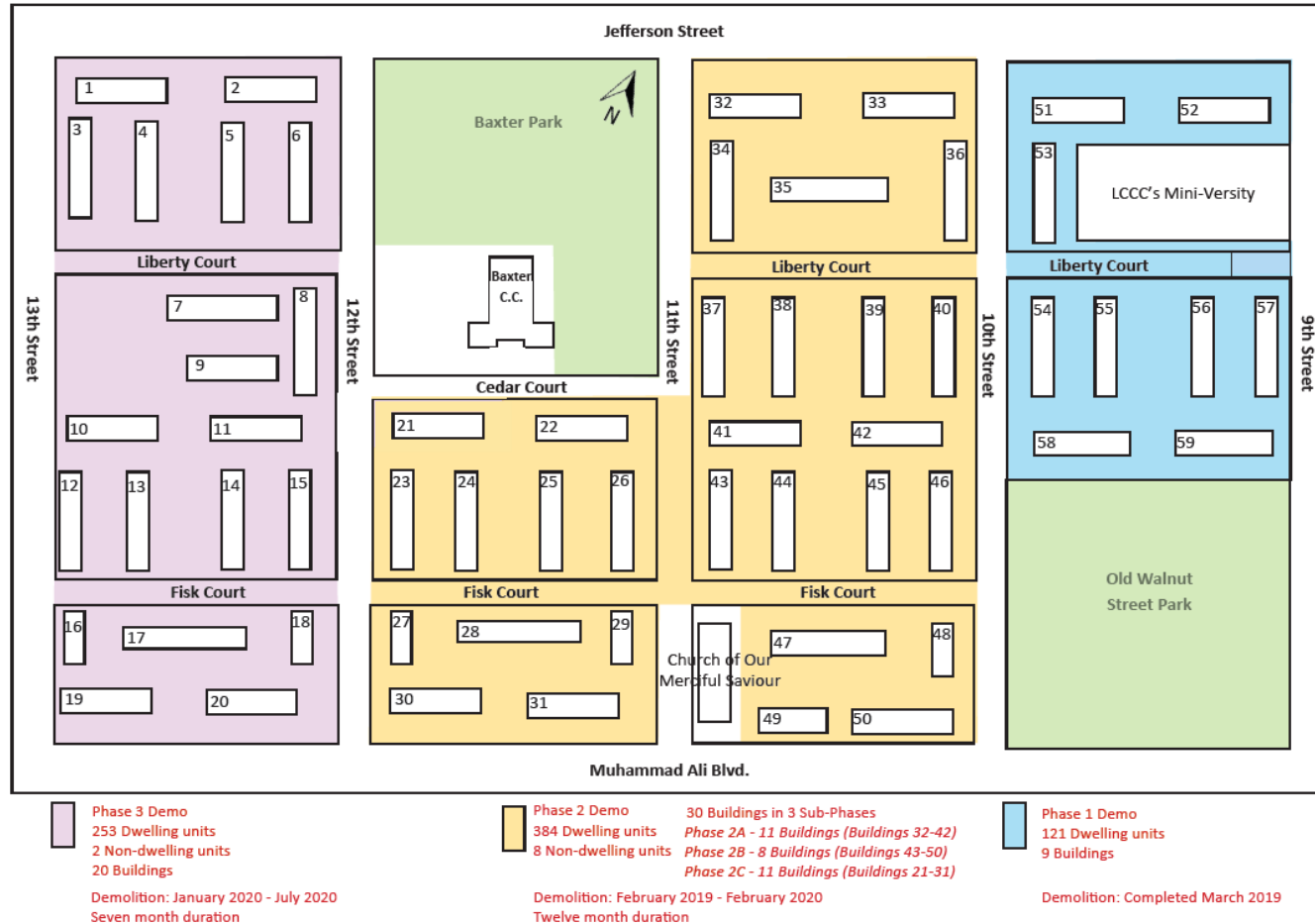




- Contracts with Corn Island and The Frazier History Museum
- JCPS Teacher Training @ The Frazier History Museum
  - July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly meetings thereafter to refine curriculum
- Support community partnerships through Inquiry Based Learning Curriculum

# Stage I: Demolition Update

Beecher Terrace Demolition Plan - Revised 4-2-2019



# 450 Roy Wilkins Ave. Update



# Construction Progress

November 2020





# Beecher Residential Phase IV and V (Stage 4)



4 BUILDINGS 1 & 13 RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION  
(BUILDINGS 15 & 18 OPPOSITE HAND)  
DATE: 10/10/2017



2 BUILDINGS 1 & 13 REAR ELEVATION  
(BUILDINGS 15 & 18 OPPOSITE HAND)  
DATE: 10/10/2017



3 BUILDINGS 1 & 13 LEFT SIDE ELEVATION  
(BUILDINGS 15 & 18 OPPOSITE HAND)  
DATE: 10/10/2017



1 BUILDINGS 1 & 13 FRONT ELEVATION  
(BUILDINGS 15 & 18 OPPOSITE HAND)  
DATE: 10/10/2017

# WESTERN ARCHIVES

Natalie Woods – Branch Manager

<https://youtu.be/vl6B-bbLn64>

# *The* **BEECHER** **TERRACE**

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# Cornerstones of Russell

Progress Report for  
June 2021 Beecher Terrace Consulting Parties Meeting







EVANS PHOTOGRAPHER  
819 W. Chestnut St.  
Louisville, Ky.

*To Ann  
from Bob*



# Work completed this past quarter

- As mutual interest between LSP and Louisville Public Media has grown, we have purchased and begun using additional recording equipment to enable us to improve the audio quality of the interviews we record so that they can potentially be used in radio stories/podcasts, not only in a book.
- Resumed in-person meetings with Russell residents to collaboratively document the history that is important to them. Feels great!
- Continued editing the narratives we have in hand.
- Conducted additional background research.
- Continued sifting through photographs

# Work slated for the upcoming quarter

- In-person work with project participants will be our major focus. Lots of new writing and interviews.
- Recruit additional participants.
- Collaborate with contributors to edit/shape more polished material from the material they have generated.
- Collect family photos from participants to consider presenting alongside their narratives.
- Reconnect with project participants whose ability to participate was interrupted by the pandemic. There are still a few for whom this is proving to be somewhat challenging.



# Data Recovery / Public Participation

Anne Bader

## BEECHER TERRACE ARCHAEOLOGY

Corn Island Archaeology LLC, a cultural resources consulting firm in Jeffersontown, 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](http://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



Archaeologists uncovering a beehive-dome cistern at Beecher Terrace.



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.



Corn Island Archaeologists at work in an excavation trench



Recovered artifacts ready for washing and cataloguing.

# Update

- Held meetings with JCPS to get scope worked out and finalized
- Met with the Frazier Museum on two occasions
- Negotiating to identify the curation facility and nail down the terms
- Continuing analysis
- Preparing abstract for presentation at the April 2022 national SAA conference in Chicago regarding the project
- U of L students are continuing research
- Next steps involve reaching out to descendants



Potential  
families to  
be  
highlighted  
at the  
Frazier

#### **620 9th Street**

- Daniel and Bettie (Barbara) Kern- German Jewish immigrant store owner 1880-1902
- Julius Hurwitz - Lithuanian Jewish immigrant store owner 1900-1940

#### **626 S. 9th Street**

- Alexander Morris Family - Black barbers 1867-1940

#### **929-931 Walnut**

- Henry Norton/Morton, Mulatto barber, 1880-1892
- Dr. J.H. Fitzbutler – Black doctor, 1901-1902
- Dr. Archibald Canada McIntyre – Black doctor, 1909-1920
- W.H. Lawson – First Black photography studio in Louisville 1879-1886
- Neighbors Brothers Photographers - Black photography studio 1899-1905

#### **1210 Jefferson**

- Wiley L. Mathews- white tobacco dealer 1880-1886
- H.O. and J.B. Maraman – white grocer/engineer 1887-1899
- Phillip Levy Jewish immigrant store owner 1914-1918
- Joseph and Mamie Simpson- Black apartment building owner 1925-1940

#### **708 12th Street**

- Lena M. Weiss – 2<sup>nd</sup> generation German 1884-1894
- Schaaf Sisters – 2<sup>nd</sup> generation German 1895-1898
- Kentucky Standard/William Johnson -Black newspaper/publisher 1900-1909
- O'Bannon Family – white laundresses/laborers 1915-1928

#### **619 13th Street**

- John Bernard "Ben" Nitzken- German immigrant plumber/laborer 1880-1907
- Reverend Anora Martin – Black minister 1910-1922
- Mamie Mitchell and Eliza Jefferson -Black laundress/hair dresser 1923-1930



# Curation

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169 boxes

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67 have been fully analyzed

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8 are all faunal remains to be analyzed

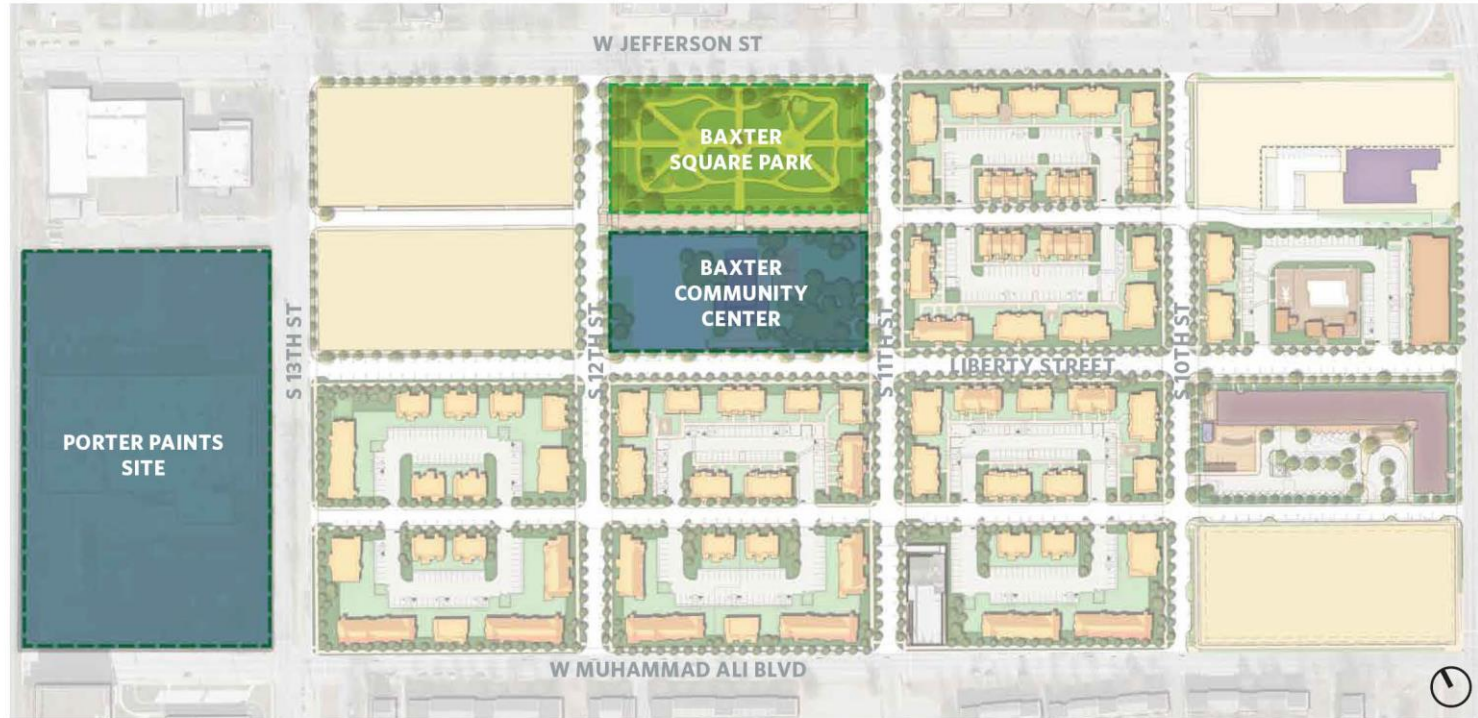
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7 are duplicates or discards

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Leaves 81 boxes to do. So little more than 50% done with this.

# SITES INCLUDED IN THIS AMENITIES PLANNING



Passive Uses    Active Uses

# Baxter Community Center Redevelopment Stage 5















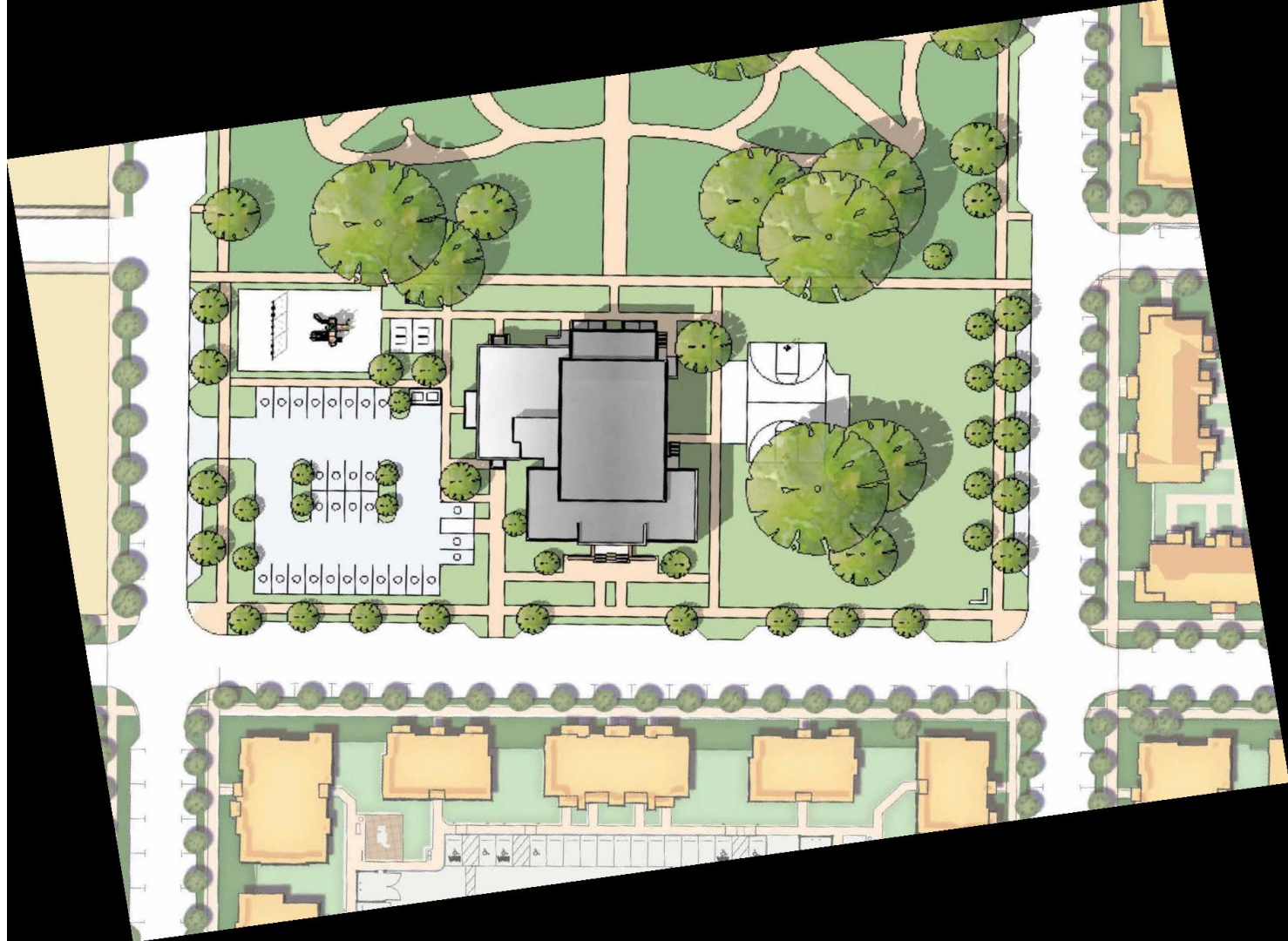
















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# Beecher Community Center (JFWR-3796) Redevelopment, Stage 5

- *Determination of Effect : No Additional Adverse Effect*



# Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Future Quarterly Consulting Parties Meetings

First Thursday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- Early September 2021 – Thursday, September 2, 2021
- Early December 2021 – Thursday, December 2, 2021
- Early March 2022 – Thursday, March 3, 2022
- Early June 2022 – Thursday, June 2, 2022



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