



Russell Choice Neighborhood Coordinating Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Join via Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86718874957>

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks – (Lisa Osanka)

Russell Neighborhood - 25 min.

Critical Community Improvements (CCIs)

- Historic Quinn Chapel Stabilization (*Savannah Darr*) – Phase II stabilization is underway and is anticipated to be complete by end of 2022. Electrical system work, funded through the \$150,000 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s African American Heritage Action Fund, and Phase III stabilization is expected to begin in 2023.
- Smart City Public Wi-Fi (*Eric Burnette/John Hawkins*) – Twenty-five access points were installed throughout Russell, and Wi-Fi service is live.
- Business Center & Plaza at LCCC (*Shawn Summerville*) – Eleven of the fourteen suites in the plaza are leased. For leasing information contact William Starks at 502/961-9313 (O) or 502/468-7031 (C).
- 18th Street Corridor
 - Streetscape improvements and rental rehab updates (*Laura Grabowski/Kevin Sullivan*)
 - OneWest commercial rehab updates (*Evon Smith*)

REBOUND/Louisville Urban League (*Kevin Dunlap*)

- Homeownership updates. <https://www.reboundinc.org/find-a-home>
- Updates on REBOUND’s headquarters and housing development at 1622 W. Market St.

Russell: A Place of Promise (*Theresa Zawacki*)

- Russell Storytelling Weekend – Nov. 18th – 20th. Visit www.russellpromise.com for more information.

Louisville Central Community Centers’/Mini-Versity (*Shawn Summerville*)

- KABOOM Playground is complete.

Featured Partner Organization – MOLO Village (*Rev. Dr. Jamesetta Ferguson*)

- AARP Purpose Prize
- About MOLO Village
- St. Peter’s UCC history and updates
- Save the Dates:
 - Holiday Jazz and Shopping at the Village @West Jefferson – December 9, 6-10PM
 - MOLO Village African Gala at LCCC – March 25, 2023, 6-10PM

Updates from other Partner Organizations

- Metro Parks - New Playground at Sheppard Park
- Other news?

Implementation Grant - People

- Urban Strategies Update - 10 min. (*TaLonda Holland, Kristie Stutler*)
 - (See separate report)
 - Other updates.
- Beecher Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Update – 3 minutes (*LMHA Staff*)
 - 21 original Beecher Terrace residents currently participating in LMHA's FSS program (68 residents served since grant award)
 - 19 original Beecher Terrace residents have graduated from the program (Received a total of \$ 132,598 in escrow)
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Baxter Community Center (BCC) and Park on the Former Porter Paints Site – 5 min.

(*Norma Ward, Kathleen O'Neil*)

- Baxter Community Center (BCC) Renovation and Expansion
 - Bids were submitted on Nov. 8, and a recommendation for contract awards went before LMHA's Board of Commissioners on Nov. 15th.
 - Current anticipated construction start is December 2022 and completion date is June 2024.
- Park at 13th & Muhammad Ali Boulevard site
 - LMG is reviewing proposals for Design/Engineering firms. Once firm is selected, work on construction documents will begin. Once plans are complete, Metro Parks will issue a Request for Bids. Expected construction start is mid 2023.
 - LMHA submitted a grant application to LISC Louisville for an NFL grant to help fund a synthetic turf mixed-sports playing field. Award announcements are expected in November 2022.
- Metro Parks will operate and maintain the Park and Baxter Community Center.
- Updates on BCC and Park site can be found at www.VisionRussell.org

Implementation Grant – Housing & Reoccupancy

- On-Site Housing – 5 min. (*Laura Kinsell-Baer & Ashley Foell*)
 - Phase I – 114 of 117 units leased, 25 (22%) to Original BT Households.
 - Phase II – 104 of 108 units leased, 51 (49%) to Original BT Households.
 - Phase III – 67 of 185 units leased, 28 (42%) to Original BT households.
 - All Phase III units are anticipated to be available by end of Nov. 2022.
- Off-Site PBV Replacement Housing – 5 min. (*Heather Hairgrove*)
 - <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=34bf66aeed314c669be1c2125484cb0a>
 - Total Approved Projects in Pipeline: 14 projects total – 937 replacement PBV's and 188 non-replacement PBV's.

Replacement Units

- Crossings at Mill Creek (4801 Manslick Rd.) expected to begin leasing in February 2023 and Lower Hunters Trace (5416 Distler Ln.) expected in May 2023.
- Gateway on Broadway (1405 W. Broadway) Received \$4M ARP funding award. Closing early December 2022.

- Donerail Apartments (4305 Donerail Run Dr. - off Taylorsville Rd. in J-town)– all but one building is leasing.
- New Vision III (7413-15 Feyhurst Dr.) and Zion Senior Housing II (2237 W. Muhammad Ali) – offer letters have been mailed to Beecher households on the waiting list. Expected to begin leasing in mid-November 2022.
- Eclipse in Russell (2929 Magazine) – Closed in October 2022. Received \$4M ARP funding award.
- Gateway on Broadway (1405 W. Broadway) – received \$4M ARP funding award. Closing late December 2022.

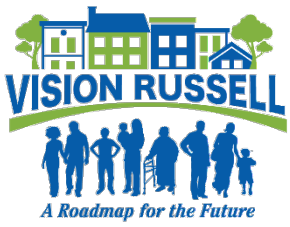
Non-replacement Units

- Roosevelt – property approved for a 9% LIHTC award. Delays with environmental reviews. Closing TBD.
- Prestonian (709 E. Gray)– Closing date TBD.

Next Coordinating Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 10 a.m.



Vision Russell Coordinating Committee
November 16, 2022



Agenda

- Welcome
- Neighborhood
 - *Critical Community Improvements (CCI's)*
 - *REBOUND*
 - *Russell: Place of Promise*
 - *LCCC/Mini-Versity*
 - *Featured Partner Organization – Molo Village*
 - *Other Neighborhood Updates*
- People
- Baxter Community Center & Park at 13th and Muhammad Ali
- Housing & Reoccupancy



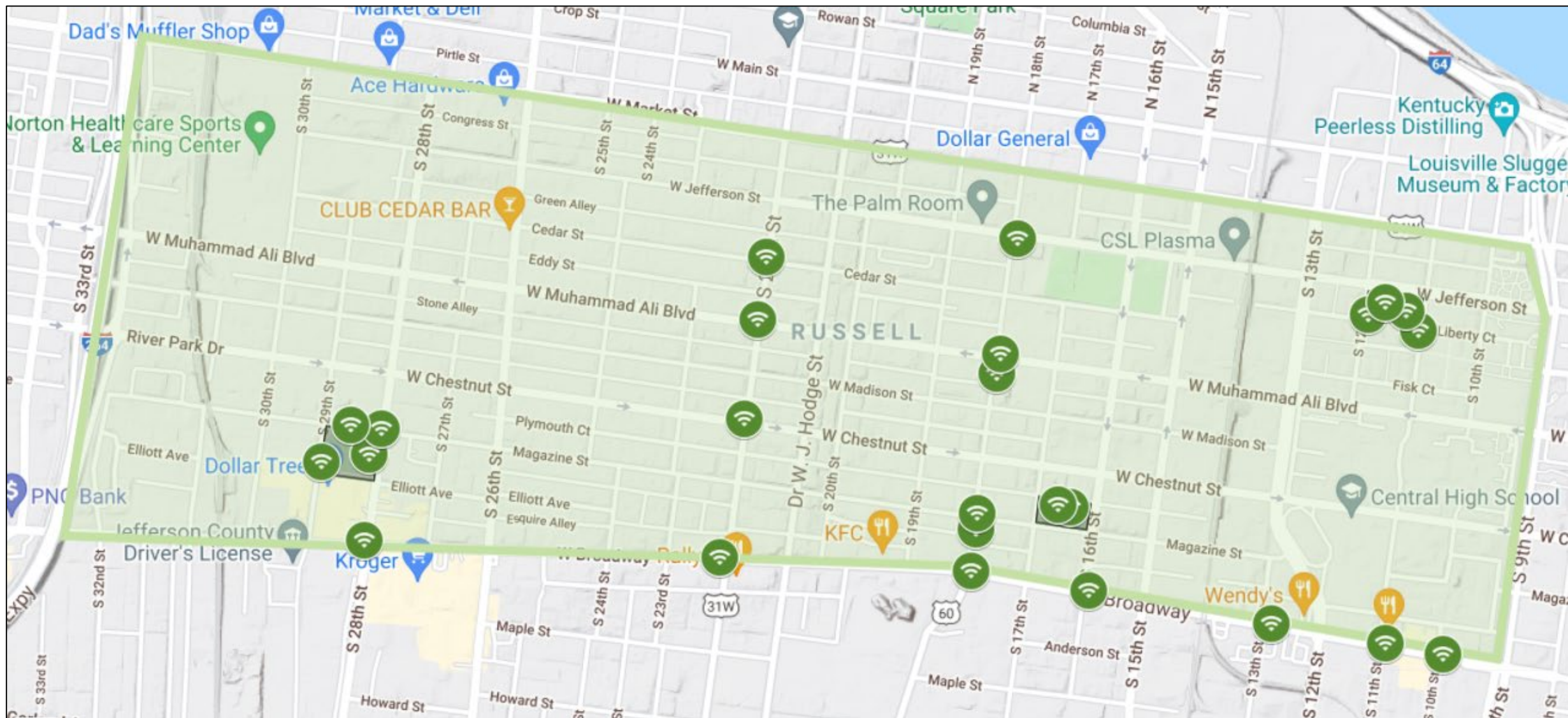


CCI's - Historic Quinn Chapel Stabilization





CCI's - Smart City WiFi





LOUISVILLE CENTRAL
COMMUNITY CENTER

Business Plaza at Louisville Central Community Centers





18th Street Streetscape Improvements

Stripe and Post
Curb Extension



W Madison St

524

522

520

518

516

1812

W Muhammad Ali

510

508/504

1800

W Muhammad Ali

(Cobra Head on Pole)

22' Typ.

15' Min. 20' Typ.

S 18th St

8' x 5' Tree Well (Typ.)

515

Proposed Street Light Location
(50' Typ. Spacing - 100' Typ.
Spacing Same Side)

Replace Sidewalk
Per Public Works

Existing
Guy Anchor

Existing Street Light
(Cobra Head on Pole)

W Muhammad Ali Blvd

Replace Existing Tree Well
With 4" Thk. Sidewalk, Typ.

18th Street Corridor Commercial Rehab







RUSSELL: A PLACE OF PROMISE
AND COMMUNITY PRESENT...

OUR HOME RUSSELL STORYTELLING WEEKEND

CHALLENGING GENTRIFICATION & DISPLACEMENT
AMPLIFYING OUR STORIES
PRESERVING OUR HOMES

NOVEMBER 18 - 20TH, 2022
SAVE THE DATE



Russell: A Place of Promise
www.russellpromise.com

**FRIDAY
NOV 18
2022** RUSSELL LEGACY CELEBRATION
6 - 9 PM 1619 THE GATHERING PLACE
1619 W MAIN ST. RSVP REQUIRED

**SATURDAY
NOV 19
2022** FOR THE PEOPLE NEXT DOOR EXHIBIT
THE RUSSELL STORYTELLING PROJECT
12 - 5 PM KENTUCKY CENTER FOR
AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE
1701 W MUHAMMAD ALI BLVD.

TAKE THIS EXHIBIT
YALIFT PHOTOVOICE PROJECT
5 - 8 PM THE PARK
1229 S SHELBY ST.





African Village
Drawing by
Caroline Street

Rev. Dr. Jamesetta Ferguson
St. Peters United Church of Christ, Senior Pastor
MOLO Village CDC, President & CEO
LMHA, November 16, 2022



MOLO Village CDC



2023 AARP Purpose Prize

"The 2023 AARP Purpose Prize Award, has brought more public recognition to the good work that MOLO Village currently provides in the Russell neighborhood in the Westend of Louisville, KY. The financial support from the award will assist the organization in offering more social service resources to the people in our underserved community."



What is MOLO's Organization Structure?

ISUDUKO VILLAGE

- ✕ Senior Adults Activity Center
- ✕ Senior Nutrition Program
- ✕ Silver Sneakers Exercise
- ✕ Senior Employment Partnership with LUL

FUTURE VILLAGE

- ✕ MOLO Village Education HUB
- ✕ MOLO Village Be Your Own Leader Program
- ✕ Annual MOLO Community Festival

HEALTHY VILLAGE

- ✕ Health Education
- ✕ Health Testing
- ✕ Health & Wellness Referrals





What is MOLO's Organization Structure?

RESTORED VILLAGE

- ❖ Life skills training and support for returning Citizens and easy access recovery support groups for those at risk of alcohol/substance abuse.
- ❖ Dare to Care (SPUCC/MOLO)

EMPOWERED VILLAGE

- ❖ Mayor's Guaranteed Income Partner (*new pilot*)
- ❖ Economic Development and Financial Investment through The Village @ West Jefferson Street.



Community Benefits as of Nov 2022

- 249 Living Wage Jobs (Construction/Tenants)
- 60 children served in BYOL Out of School Program
- 15-20 senior adults served weekly
- 125 families served food weekly

Upcoming Changes as of Nov 2022

- LMHA released Ste 201 as of Oct 31, 2022
- Blak Coffee Kiosk opened Nov 7, 2022
- Norton's Institute of Health Equity to take possession of Ste 201
- Drippin' Crab to close permanently
- Two restaurants being vetted for space



German Lutheran Church
founded in 1847

1847

1894

St. Peter's built in 1894 with
additions in
1904, 1912 & 1952.

Neighborhood &
Demographic changes in the
1950's - 1960's resulting in
church membership
dropping to 15 active
members.

1950's - 1960's

1957

St. Peter's became a UCC
Church in 1957.

St. Peters UCC Historic
Church at 13th and
Jefferson St.

*Construction beginning
December 2022*



Save the Dates



3rd Annual Molo African Gala

We are just as excited about our upcoming
3rd Annual Molo African Gala



Get your best African attire ready and join us at

Old Walnut Street
1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.

Saturday, March 25, 2023,
6pm - 10pm

This is sure to be a sold out event!

It Takes A Village to Build a Community

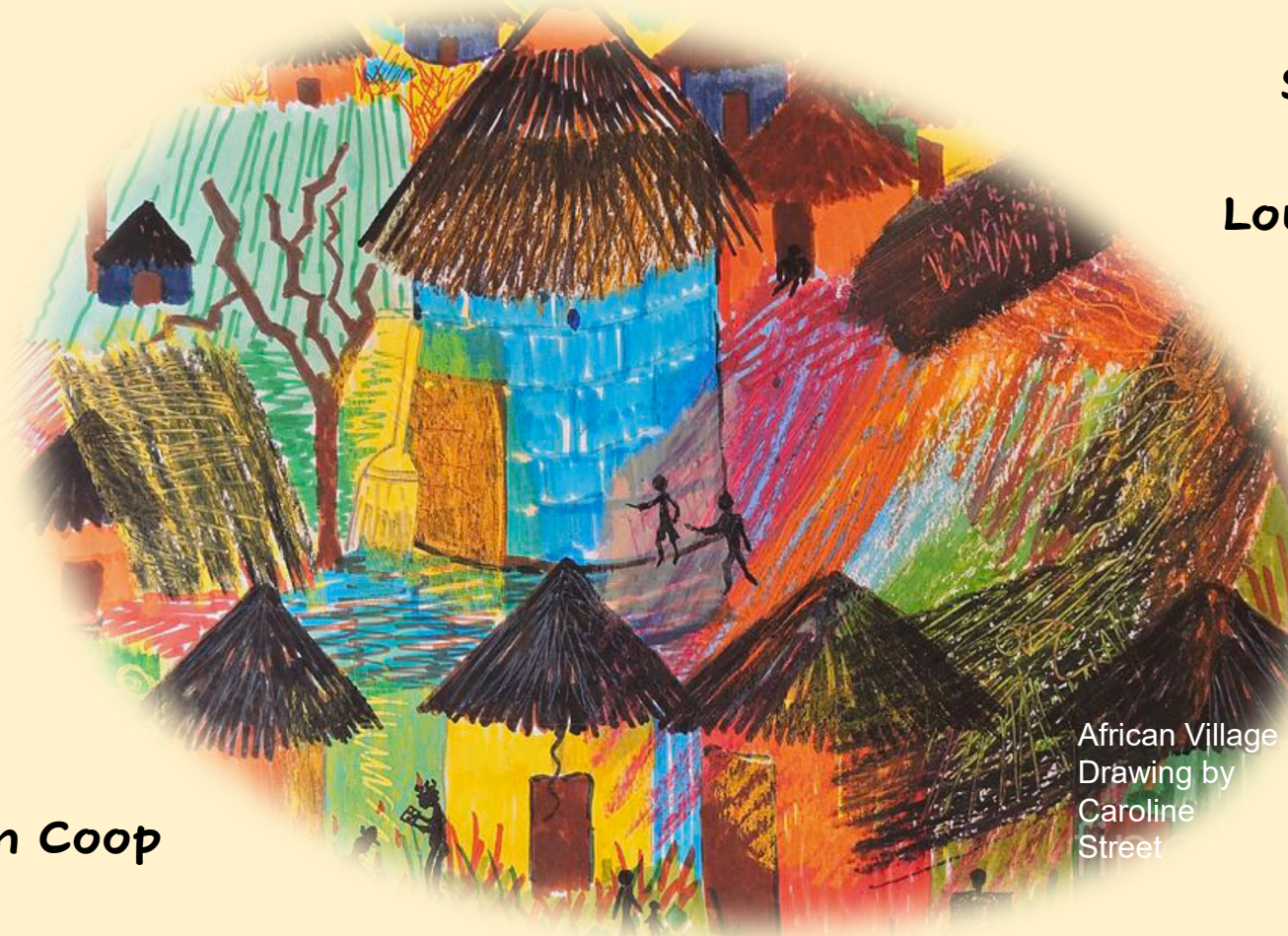
Park Community
Credit Union

G. Starks Realty
Leverage Leasing

Norton Institute
of Health Equity

Tha Drippin' Crab

Ohio Valley Education Coop



Sponsor 4 Success

Louisville Independent
Business Alliance

Louisville Metro
Housing Authority

BLAK Coffee
and Deli

AMPED - Russell
Business Incubator



United Church of Christ
Church Building
& Loan Fund

MBS
Urban Initiatives CDE



United Church of Christ
CORNERSTONE
FUND

usbank.

james graham brown
FOUNDATION



THE GHEENS FOUNDATION



VISION RUSSELL
A Roadmap for the Future



AM DEVELOPMENT
GROUP

St. Peter's
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

KovertHawkins
architects

401
COMMUNITARIAN



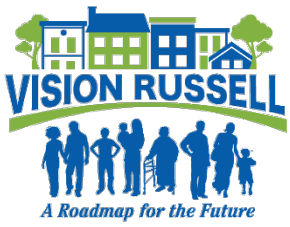
Other News From Partners



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LOUISVILLE FORWARD



PARK DUVALLE
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER



Implementation Grant – People Update with Urban Strategies

- *Employment*
- *Education*
- *Health*



USI | URBAN STRATEGIES, INC.

Families at the Center of Results





Urban Strategies Inc.

Family Support Services at a Glance:

- **Maintains Enrollment of 91% of eligible Beecher Terrace Households (417 Households/801 Individuals) (Increase of 5 Households and 20 individuals)**
- **USI maintains office hours at Beecher in addition to Home Visits**
- **Current Employment rate is 64% (work-able pop) overall increase of 41% from baseline. Six Jobs were obtained the last quarter**
- **13 Residents have entered the homeownership pipeline (which included credit counseling, FSS or homeownership classes**
- **169 youth (70% were referred to summer/out of school opportunities)**
- **60% youth are participating in youth enrichment opportunities and summer programs**



Highlights from Quarter 3 2022

USI Video Released and Shared
with Residents

<https://youtu.be/IPXdezJEv-0>

Ongoing Monthly Resident
Meetings

Family Fun Day with Louisville
Sports Commission

Zappos provided approx. 100 pairs
of shoes for youth





Beecher Terrace Resident Council 2022

Resident Leaders were nominated and voted for by fellow Beecher Residents.

The Resident Council offices are held by original and new to Beecher residents. The President office is held by an original Beecher Resident and in contrast the Vice-President is a market rate renter, proudly bridging gaps and demonstrating inclusivity.

The additional offices that were filled include Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt. Of Arms, Special Programs, Welcome/Hospitality, 2 Block Watch Chairs (Senior and Family Side) and a host of identified building and floor captains.



Ongoing and Merging Partnerships

Pictured to left is the **Louisville Fire Dept** participating with Beecher youth at Family Fun Day. LFD has also attended resident meetings and other events

Beecher Seniors actively participate with **MOLO Village, JenCare, Aetna, and TherapyHeroes**

Youth attend quality OST programs through **Metro United Way's BLOCCs Program, LCCC, Sowing Seeds with Faith and Bellarmine University**

Implementation Grant – People Update

LMHA Special Programs

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BT Recreational Amenities

- Baxter Community Center



**COMING SOON... a NEW and IMPROVED
Baxter Community Center**

**BT BEECHER
TERRACE**

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A Roadmap for the Future

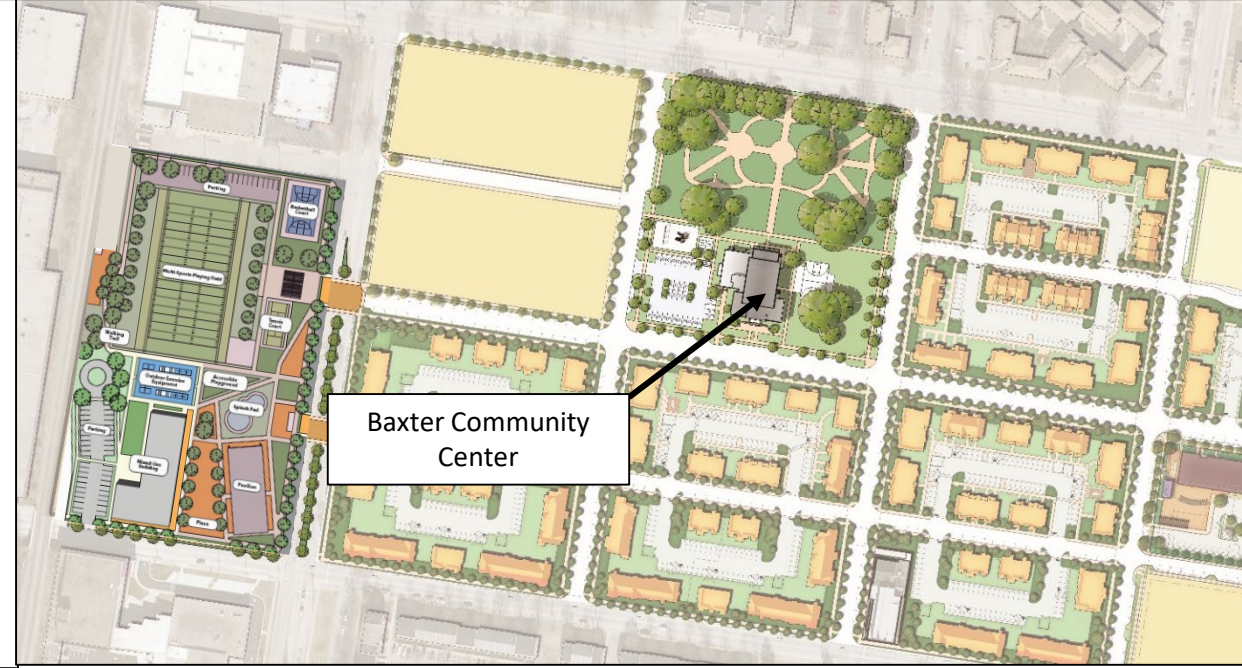


THE BEECH

INC
Education Is Key to a Hopeful Future.



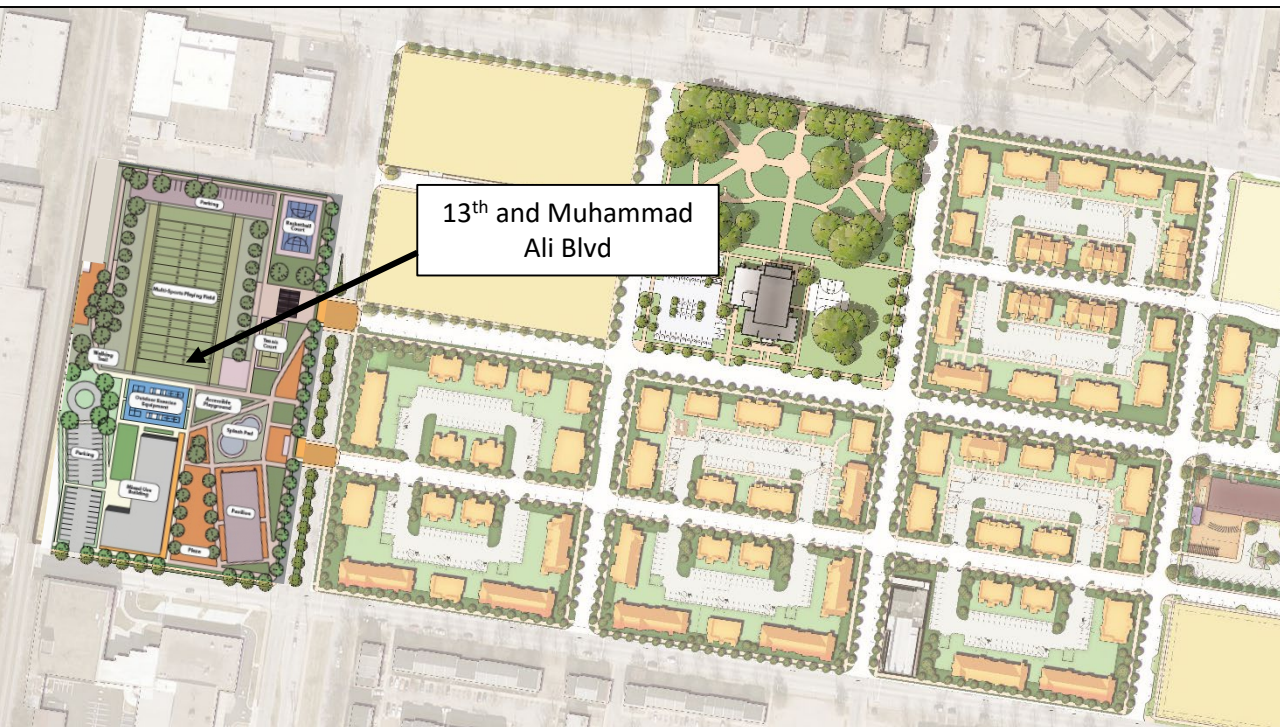
**LOUISVILLE
PARKS
AND RECREATION**





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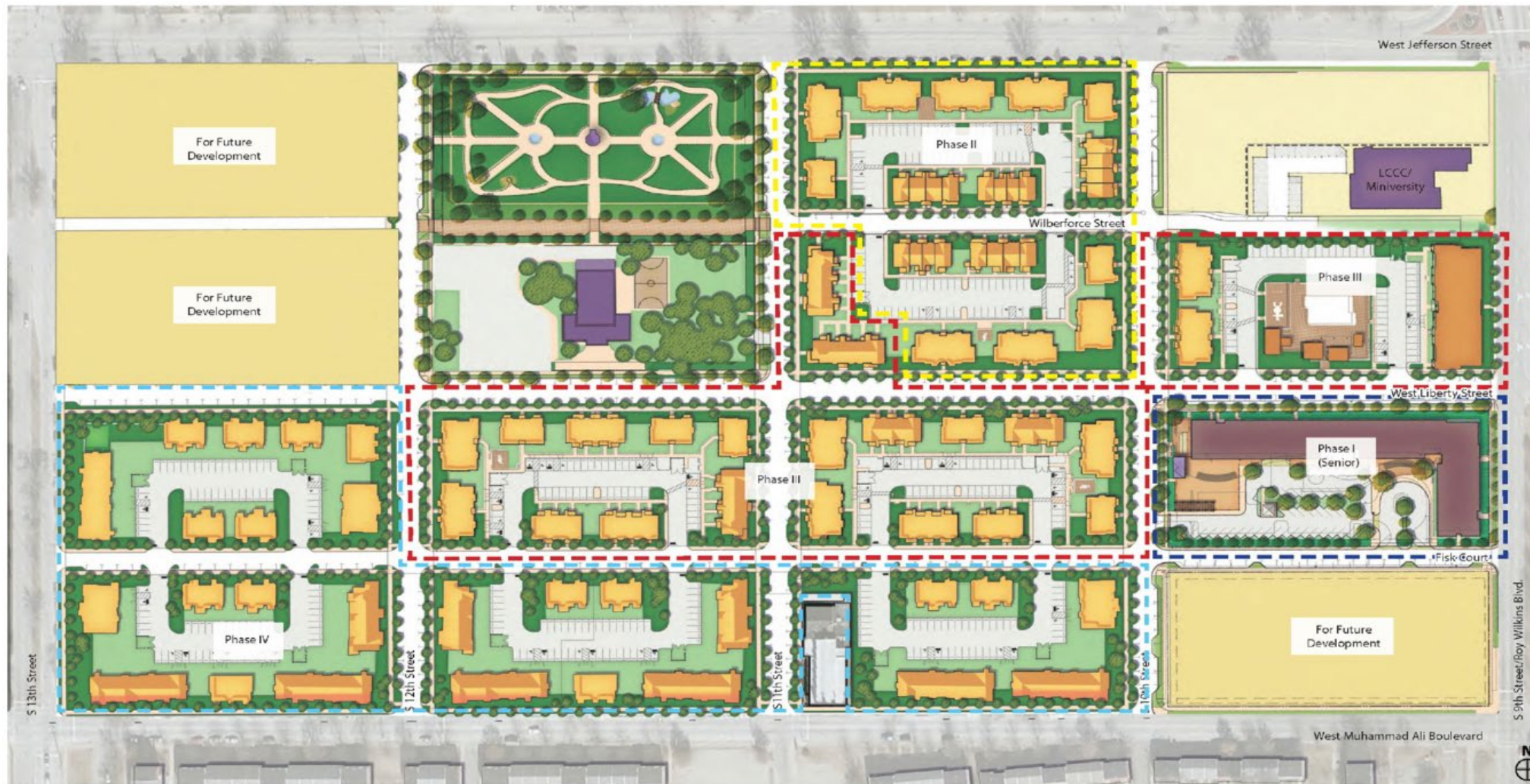
- Park at 13th and Muhammad Ali Blvd.





MCCORMACK
BARON
SALAZAR

On-Site Housing Update



BEECHER TERRACE SITE PLAN — PHASING

Phase I Phase II Phase III Phase IV



MCCORMACK
BARON
SALAZAR

On-Site Housing



Phase I



Phase II



Phase III



Off-Site Housing

For more information visit

<https://visionrussell.org/original-beecher-residents-3>



Crossings at Mill Creek
(leasing in Feb. 2023) &
Lower Hunter's Trace
(Leasing in May 2023)



Zion Manor II
(Lease-up starting in Nov. 2022)



Donerail Run
(All but one building leasing)



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