



Russell Choice Neighborhood Coordinating Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Join via Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88257399264>

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 work, which began in October 2022, is currently on hold due to a partial collapse of the rear wall of the original building. Louisville Metro Government is working with the National Park Service to determine next steps, and has temporarily enclosed the church's front porch to better secure the building. Work is expected to resume once NPS approves a new scope of work for the project.
- Smart City Public Wi-Fi (John Hawkins) – Data reports for April show an average of 780 users accessing the Internet through these 24 access points each week, and 1,009 unique users for the month.
- Business Center & Plaza at LCCC (Shawn Summerville) –
 - Nine of the fourteen suites leased. For leasing information contact William Starks at 502/961-9313 (O) or 502/468-7031 (C).
 - Kentucky State University officially opened its new West Louisville Office at the Louisville Central Community Center on April 22nd.
- 18th Street Corridor (Laura Grabowski/Kevin Sullivan)
 - Streetscape improvements approximately 50% complete
 - Rental rehab updates
- OneWest (Evon Smith)
 - Commercial rehab updates
 - Naming & Dedication of 18th Street OneWest Row Houses held May 12th.

MOLO Village

- Blak Koffee Grand Opening held April 28th
- SmART Stop improvements at St. Peter's United Church of Christ
- MOLO Village Day in Baxter Square Park

Russell: A Place of Promise (LMHA Staff)

- Place of Promise Convening May 17-19 - <https://russellpromise.com>
- Neighbor Circle, Saturday, May 20th on Facebook Live. Guest speakers include representatives from No More Red Dots, The Ace Project and the Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods.

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

- Dr. Ralph de Chabert Trustees of Inclusive Equity Awards– June 19th
- LCCC is working to produce a souvenir journal consisting of stories from their 75 years of service to the community. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/theLtripleC> for more information on how to share your story.

Louisville Story Program Book Launch (*John Hawkins*)

- Louisville Story Program held their book launch celebration on April 13th. "If You Write Me a Letter, Send It Here: Voices of Russell in a Time of Change" is an anthology of first-person narratives by 25 Louisvillians with ties to the Russell community, and documents the history of the neighborhood using the first-hand experiences of the authors. For more information, visit www.louisvillestoryprogram.org.

Featured Partner Organization – AMPED (*Dave Christopher*) – 15 min.

- Music Academy
- AMPED Innovation Center
- Russell Technology Business Incubator
- Russell Station Technology Center

Updates from other Partner Organizations

- Other news?

Implementation Grant - People

- Urban Strategies Update - 10 min. (*TaLonda Holland, Treneice Walton, Kristie Stutler*)
 - (See separate report)
 - Other updates.
- Beecher Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Update – 3 minutes (*LMHA Staff*)
 - 16 original Beecher Terrace residents currently participating in LMHA's FSS program. 70 residents served since grant award.
 - 23 original Beecher Terrace residents have graduated from the program, receiving a total of \$177,768 in escrow.
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Baxter Community Center (BCC) and Park on the Former Porter Paints Site

(*Norma Ward, Kathleen O'Neil*)

- Baxter Community Center (BCC) Renovation and Expansion
 - Remediation, demolition and clean up were substantially completed in April, and excavation began for the new addition. Utility layout for concrete cutting, temporary electric installation and underground plumbing and inspections began in May. This initiative is approximately 15% complete and on schedule to be complete by Summer 2024.
- Park at 13th & Muhammad Ali Boulevard site
 - The engineering/design firm of Element Design has been working on concepts for the park's splashpad and playground equipment and making refinements to the park's overall layout. Construction documents are anticipated to be complete and ready to bid by mid-June 2023.
 - Metro Parks is leading this initiative, which has a projected construction start date of September 2023 and completion date of June 2024.
 - The naming contest for the park closed on April 30th. A total of 139 submissions were received, and are currently being reviewed by the Beecher Terrace Recreational Amenities Leadership Group. The group's final suggestion will go forward to Metro Council for final approval in the coming months. To follow the contest results, visit <https://visionrussell.org/name-the-park-contest>.
 - LMHA was awarded \$250,000 from the NFL Grassroots Foundation, and the Cincinnati Bengals in partnership with LISC Louisville on March 1st, 2023. The funding will be used to help fund the park's synthetic turf multi-sport playing field.

- Metro Parks will operate and maintain the Park and Baxter Community Center.
- Additional details on the BCC and Park initiative can be found at www.VisionRussell.org

Implementation Grant – Housing & Reoccupancy

- On-Site Housing – 5 min. (*Laura Kinsell-Baer & Ashley Foell*)
 - Phase I – 115 of 117 units leased, 23 (20% of leased units) to Original BT Households.
 - Phase II – 98 of 108 units leased, 47 (46%) to Original BT Households.
 - Phase III – 181 of 185 units leased, 41 (23%) to Original BT households.
- 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

- Lower Hunters Trace (5416 Distler Ln.) is expected to begin leasing in mid-June 2023. Offer letters were mailed out in March.
- Crossings at Mill Creek (4801 Manslick Rd.) is expected to begin leasing in late July or early August 2023.
- Donerail Run Apartments (4305 Donerail Run Dr. - off Taylorsville Rd. in J-town) – All 164 PBV units complete. Continuing with initial lease-up of the 33 three-bedroom units still available.
- New Vision III (7413-15 Feyhurst Dr.) - Leasing is behind schedule because of construction delays and cost overruns. The developer has received additional funding, along with an extension from the Affordable Housing Trust.
- Zion Senior Housing II (2237 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.) – All 34 PBV units complete and 100% leased. Ribbon cutting held on Monday, February 27th.
- Eclipse in Russell (2929 Magazine St.) –Under construction.
- Gateway on Broadway (1405 W. Broadway) – Closing scheduled for May 19th.

Non-replacement Units

- Roosevelt – (226 N. 17th St.) - Closing took place on April 28, 2023.
- Prestonian (709 E. Gray St.)– Closing anticipated in June 2023.

Next Meeting and Grant Close-Out: The original Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant deadline was September 30, 2023, so our final quarterly Coordinating Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 10 a.m.

All FY2016 grantees were given a one-year extension by Congress to complete the grant. Therefore, USI will continue to provide case management for original and new Beecher Terrace households through September 30, 2024, and LMG will continue to work on the 18th Street Corridor and Quinn Chapel CCI initiatives and Hairgrove Consulting will continue to work on the off-site replacement housing until they are complete. We will reach out to the Coordinating Committee to see if there is interest in convening the group for a progress report in mid-2024.



Vision Russell Coordinating Committee May 17th, 2023

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Agenda

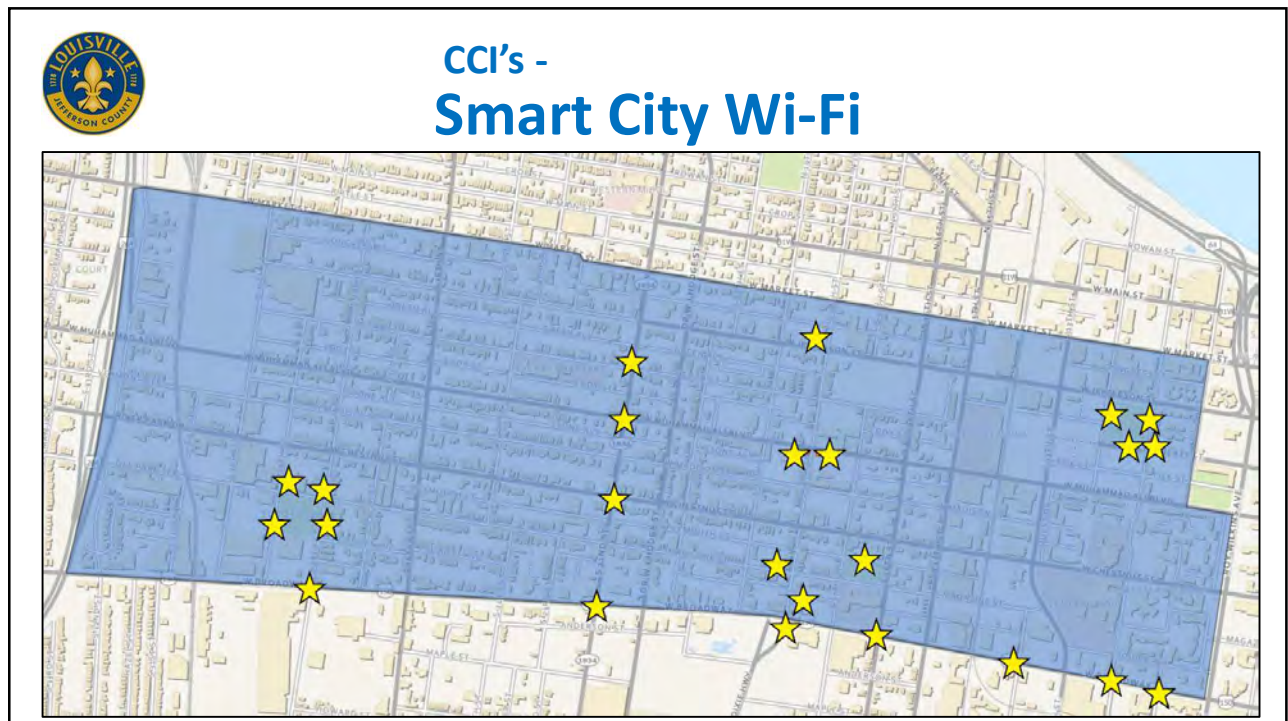
- Welcome
- Neighborhood
 - *Critical Community Improvements (CCI's)*
 - *REBOUND*
 - *MOLO Village*
 - *Russell: Place of Promise*
 - *LCCC*
 - *Louisville Story Program Book Launch*
 - *Featured Partner Organization – AMPED*
 - *Other Neighborhood Updates*
- People
- Baxter Community Center & Park at 13th and Muhammad Ali
- Housing & Reoccupancy
- Next Meeting and Grant Close-Out



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18th Street Corridor Commercial Rehab



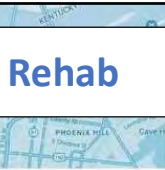




YOU'RE INVITED!


GRAND OPENING

RESTAURANT

FRIDAY MAY 12 2022 | 12PM - 2PM
516 B SOUTH 18TH STREET

PROJECT PARTNER:



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MOLO Village





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PLACE OF PROMISE

WELCOME & KICK OFF

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH, 2023 | 4:30 - 8:00 PM
THE GATHERING PLACE, 1619 W MAIN STREET
 4:30 - 5:30 PM COCKTAILS & NETWORKING HOUR
 5:30 - 8:00 PM DINNER & PROGRAM



PLACE OF PROMISE CONVENING
 MAY 17 - 19TH, 2023 | LOUISVILLE, KY
 RSVP at www.russellpromise.com/events
 Russell: A Place of Promise @russellplaceofpromise @russellpromise
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BROWN-FORMAN
2 Drink tickets provided
courtesy of Brown Forman



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A PLACE OF PROMISE

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SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 19, 2023



DR. RALPH DE CHABERT 2023
TRUSTEES OF INCLUSIVE EQUITY
(I.E.) AWARDS GALA


**6TH ANNUAL
JUNETEENTH EVENT
MONDAY - 5 PM TO 8 PM**

"honoring six individuals/companies
for their advancement of inclusion
and equity in our community"

HYBRID
IN-PERSON EVENT
BROADCAST LIVE
VIA YOUTUBE
& OTHER SOCIAL
MEDIA

Old Walnut Street Family Strengthening Center
1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd., Louisville, KY 40203
502-583-8827, www.lcccnews.org

Louisville Central Community Centers






Celebrating 75 years of service to the community

Share Your Story

In celebration of 75 years of service, we would like to
hear your LCCC or Mini-Versity story!

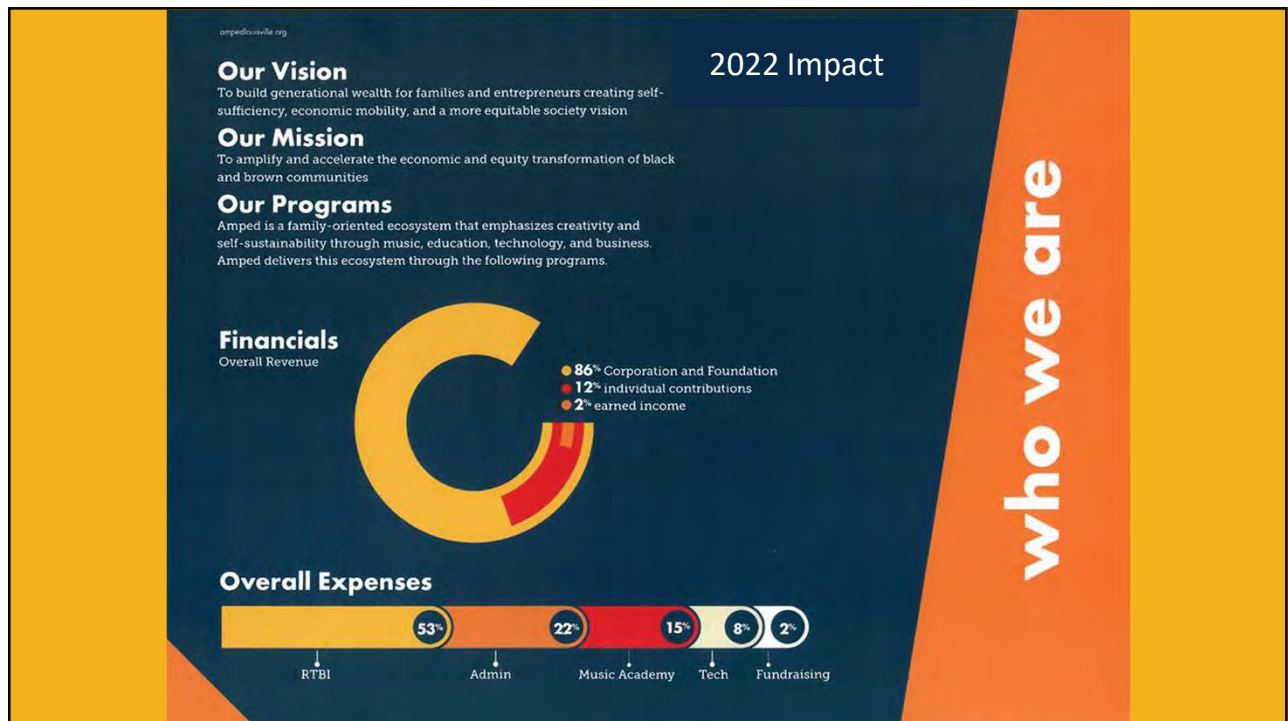
Are you a current or former LCCC or Mini-Versity
client? A former member of the team, board or staff?
Has LCCC impacted your life in a positive way? We
want to hear from you! Scan the QR code to share
your story today!

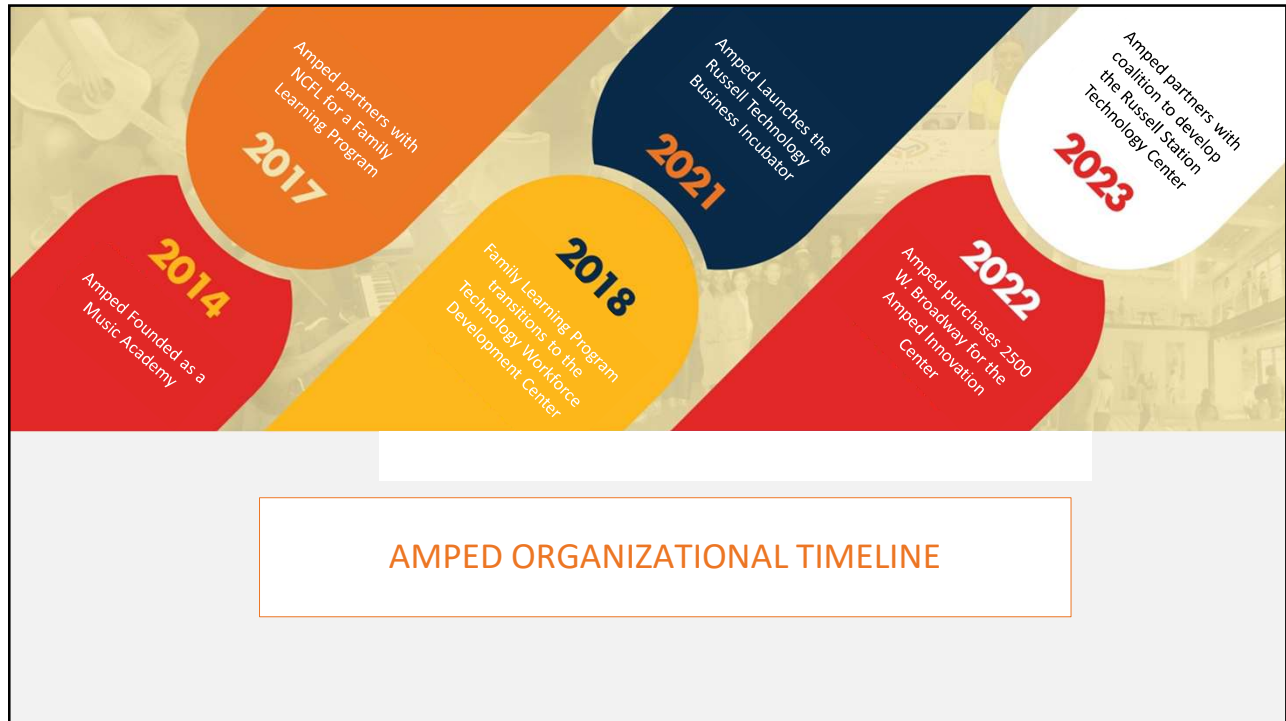
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AMPED INNOVATION CENTER

The Amped Innovation Center will be the creative hub in West Louisville, a place where creativity in all its forms permeates in and out of the building.

The Amped Innovation Center will provide:

- An Arts Incubator designed to grow the businesses of Black and brown artists
- Art gallery and studio Space
- Hadley Creative partnership, hosting an intensive professional development program for local artists and arts organizations.
- Recording and Podcast Studios
- Youth music programming
- Exhibition and meeting space
- A safe space for community members to convene, collaborate, learn, and grow

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Launched In 2021, the Amped Russell Technology Business Incubator (RTBI) is designed as a state-of-the-art Black and Latinx business incubator and technology service center offering business development training, business services, assessments, referrals, and wraparound services to incubating businesses.

32 BUSINESSES GRADUATED FROM RTBI IN 2022
WITH A RETENTION RATE OF **94%**.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION, **87%** OF PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES HAVE CONTINUED AND/OR EXPANDED, INJECTING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS INTO THE COMMUNITY.

2022 RTBI Cohort

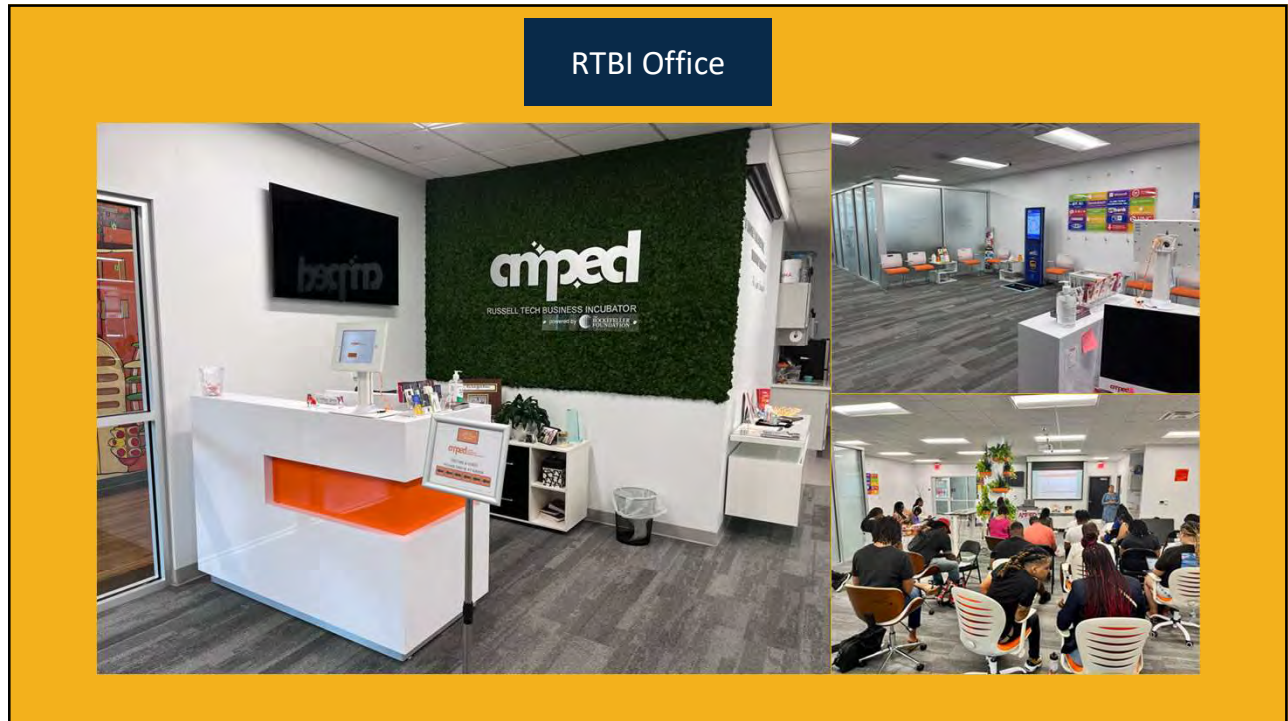
Chicago Jerk Chicken	925 Sports Corporation	Complete Mind Body & Soul
Smooth Hair Trends	Legacy Wine & Spirits	Faith Works Performing Arts Centers
Hatchett Enterprise and Consulting	Gimme Some Suga Cotton Candy	The Girl Geek, LLC
Leo's Juice Co.	KimmieLaines Alterations and Fashion Design	Loc N Key
Eyes Like Mine	Melanated Healthcare, LLC.	Apparel for Me
United Scholars Learning Center	Got Munchies, LLC	Krazy Decor & Designs
Unique Essentials Hair Care	Wild Seed	Alli Solutions
The Quality Childcare Circle	Mary's Safe Haven	Kentuckiana Backyard Farms
Candice Gentry Photography	Agriblock	4Your Kids Entertainment
Poise LLC	DMCB Productions	
CHANEL NICOLE CO.	Chase Ur Dreamz LLC	
The Harmony Home and Busy Bus		

OF BUSINESSES IN LOUISVILLE ARE MINORITY OWNED

OF LOUISVILLE IS BLACK

rtbi

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workforce development

2022 Impact

Careers in Data Science and Technology have growth rates of 53% and 45%, respectively. Across Kentucky, the field of Data Science and Information Technology accounted for LESS than 1% of the state's job loss due to COVID-19. However, across the country, only 7.4% of technology-related positions are held by Black people.

The Amped Workforce Development Training program helps train members of our community with technology skills historically only available through college while filling a critical workforce gap for Louisville-based companies. Students learn data analytics programs like Tableau and Power BI, complete a capstone presentation to demonstrate the knowledge gained during the program, and receive mentorship throughout the process to ensure successful engagement and completion.

Through this programming, Amped is removing disparities in the fields of data analytics and data science.

As part of the Healthcare Workforce Innovation Coalition, Amped will be building the Russell Station Technology Center at 17th and Market. This project, funded by the American Rescue Plan will train over 400 Black and LatinX students in health tech training and support placement in health tech jobs with participating employers.

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STUDENTS SERVED

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IMMERSIVE PROGRAMS

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RUSSELL STATION

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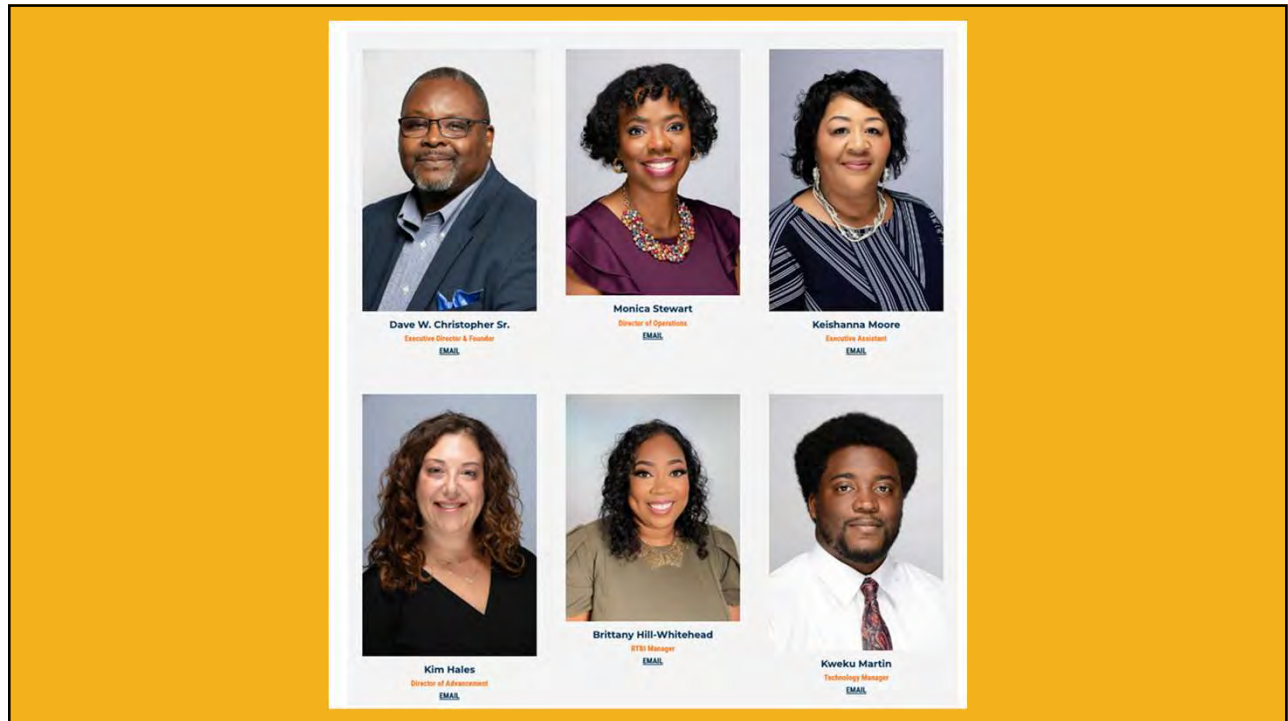
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 <p>Dave W. Christopher Jr. Program Director EMAIL</p>	 <p>Vashti Proctor Program Manager EMAIL</p>	 <p>Andre Music Instructor EMAIL</p>	 <p>Tay All Day Music Instructor EMAIL</p>	 <p>Jaylen Stewart Music Instructor EMAIL</p>	 <p>Matt Jaggers Music Instructor EMAIL</p>
 <p>Matthew Griffin Music Instructor EMAIL</p>	 <p>Angelia Handley Music Instructor EMAIL</p>	 <p>Rodney Noble Music Instructor EMAIL</p>	 <p>Adonis Gentry Music Instructor EMAIL</p>	 <p>Jeremiah Chaney Music Instructor EMAIL</p>	 <p>Antonio 'Yons' Gardner Music Instructor EMAIL</p>

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CELEBRATE AND COLLABORATE

Advancing Economic Mobility

- C.Taylor, 36, recently earned her GED!! Began and completed career training with Trilogy, (a USI partner). She is now working at a local Family Health Center to get a jumpstart on her future career.
- D. O'Bannon, 22 (UofL student) joined Goodwill (a USI partner) in the Fall of 2022, to get financial assistance with college tuition. She connected with "The Spot Program," and she was able to obtain Driver's license, a CAR, a job, as a career coach and most recently a PROMOTION & RAISE as a Facilitator with Goodwill Industries!! She is set to graduate U of L in 2024.



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ECONOMIC MOBILITY

USI was added to the table with U of L's MAPS (MODERN APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS) INCREASING WEALTH for our families has always been TOP priority for USI.

USI IS TARGETING AGES 16-24 (POST HIGHSCHOOL GRADS AND BEYOND) TO COLLABORATE WITH THE WESTEND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

THIS NEWLY LAUNCHED PROGRAM WILL ALLOW RESIDENTS IN THE WESTEND TO ATTEND JCC/JCTC AND THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE ALL WHILE TRAINING ON A PATH TO "EARN WHILE YOU LEARN" CAREERS IN HEALTHCARE, INFO TECHNOLOGY, & ADVANCE MANUFACTURING (ENGINEERING)

#COMMUNITYBASEDAPPRENTICESHIPS

#WORKFORCEDEVELOPMENT

MORE INFO HERE: [MAPS!](#)



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Beecher Terrace Community Health Fair 3.29.23

USI had its 1st Health Fair on the property. Several Vendors were in attendance, ie, Norton Health Care, U of L Health, James Brown Cancer Center, YMCA, JenCare, U of L School of Medicine and MORE! Residents were able to receive services such as blood pressure checks, Cholesterol, Mammograms and health education. This event was attended by several residents on and offsite. This was the 1st Health Fair of many to come.



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Housing Stability/ Resident Leadership

- Recently, USI has partnered with local organizations to advocate for eviction prevention and affordable housing resources. Louisville is one of the top cities in the nation to have a rising number of evictions and houseless populations. USI recognizes that increasing number of evictions is partly due to the pandemic. Many of our Russell residents are among this population. To prevent this from happening and to decrease the numbers, we stand with these groups. USI and Beecher Terrace Resident Council Officials attended a press conference @ Metro Hall on May 5, 2023. This work group was organized to ask our Mayor and Metro Council to include these individuals in the budget when monies are being allocated!



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SCHOOL IS OUT, CAMP IS IN!



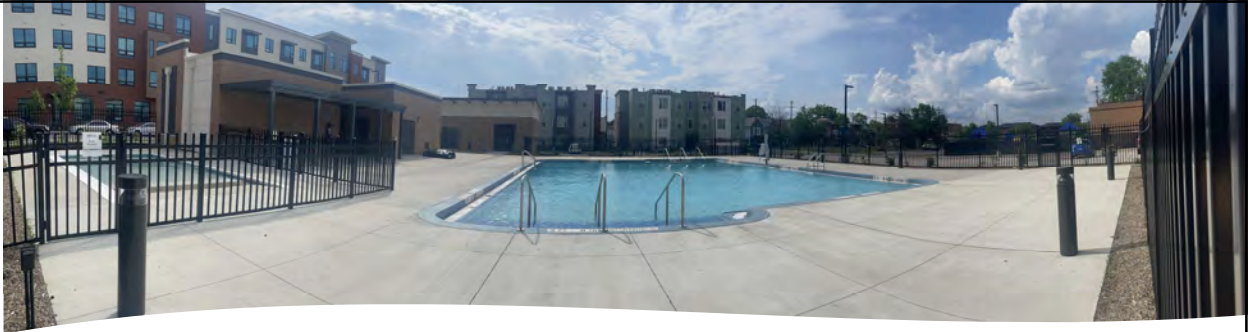
Thank you to **METRO UNITED WAY** for orchestrating quality summer programming such as **YMCA LOUISVILLE** including the following branches, REPUBLIC BANK, 10TH & CHESTNUT, & SOUTHWEST.

Additionally, **SOWING SEEDS with Faith, MOLO Village, JCPS Backpack League, Summerworks and I WOULD RATHER BE READING!!**

USI has enrolled over 30 kids into these summer programs. We are thrilled to be working with these organizations and other Choice Partners (**Louisville Sports Commission and Louisville Free Public Library-Western Branch**) to provide pathways for families to have a safe and enriched summer.



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NO DIVING PLEASE!!

MCCORMACK BARON WILL OPEN IT'S POOL THIS SUMMER!
Beecher TERRACE HAS A Family POOL AND A SMALL KIDDIE POOL.

FUN FACTS:

USI will partner with Lakeside SC to offer free adult swimming lesson and certifications for pool attendants

- ONLY OUTDOOR POOL IN THE WESTEND OPEN
- 1ST POOL FOR BEECHER RESIDENTS ONLY
- SECURE GATED ENTRY
- SENIORS (55+) WILL HAVE SPECIAL DAYS/ HOURS
- UPSCALE PATIO FURNITURE
- POOLVIEW SOUTH OF 450 ROY WILKINS BLDG AND WEST OF 400 ROY WILKINS BLDG



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Implementation Grant – People Update

LMHA Special Programs

- *Family Self Sufficiency Update*
 - 16 original Beecher Terrace residents currently participating in LMHA's FSS program (70 residents served since grant award)
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BT Recreational Amenities

- Baxter Community Center



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



BT BEECHER TERRACE

VISION: RUSSELL
A Roadmap for the Future

THE BEECH
Recreation in East City's Emerging Future


LOUISVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY



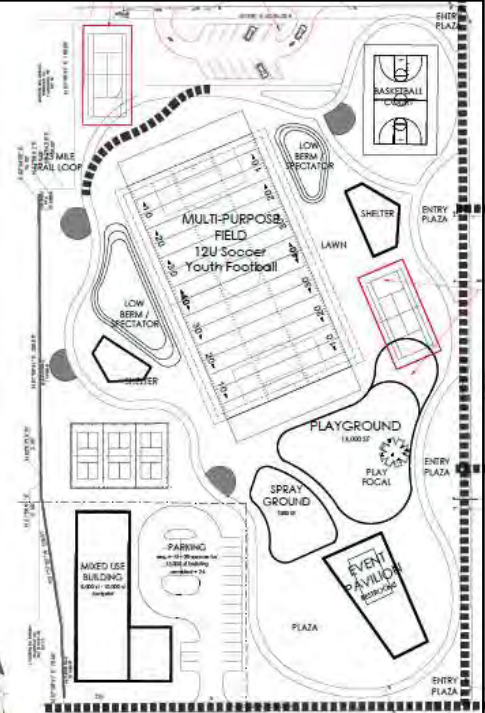
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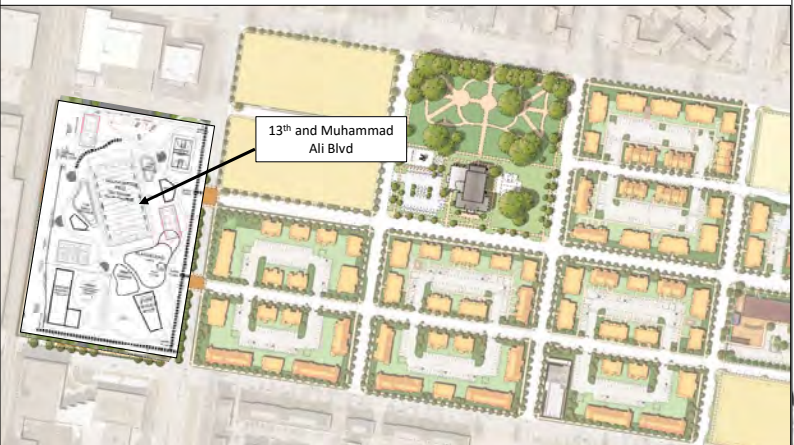
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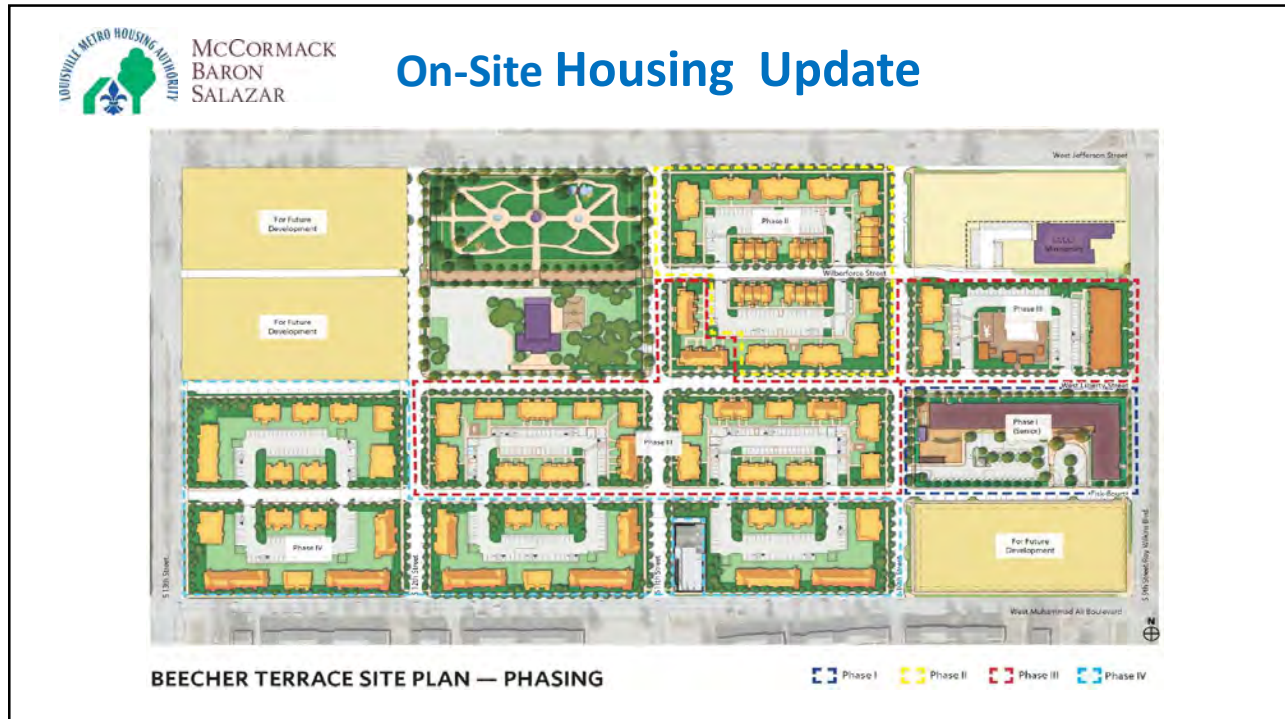
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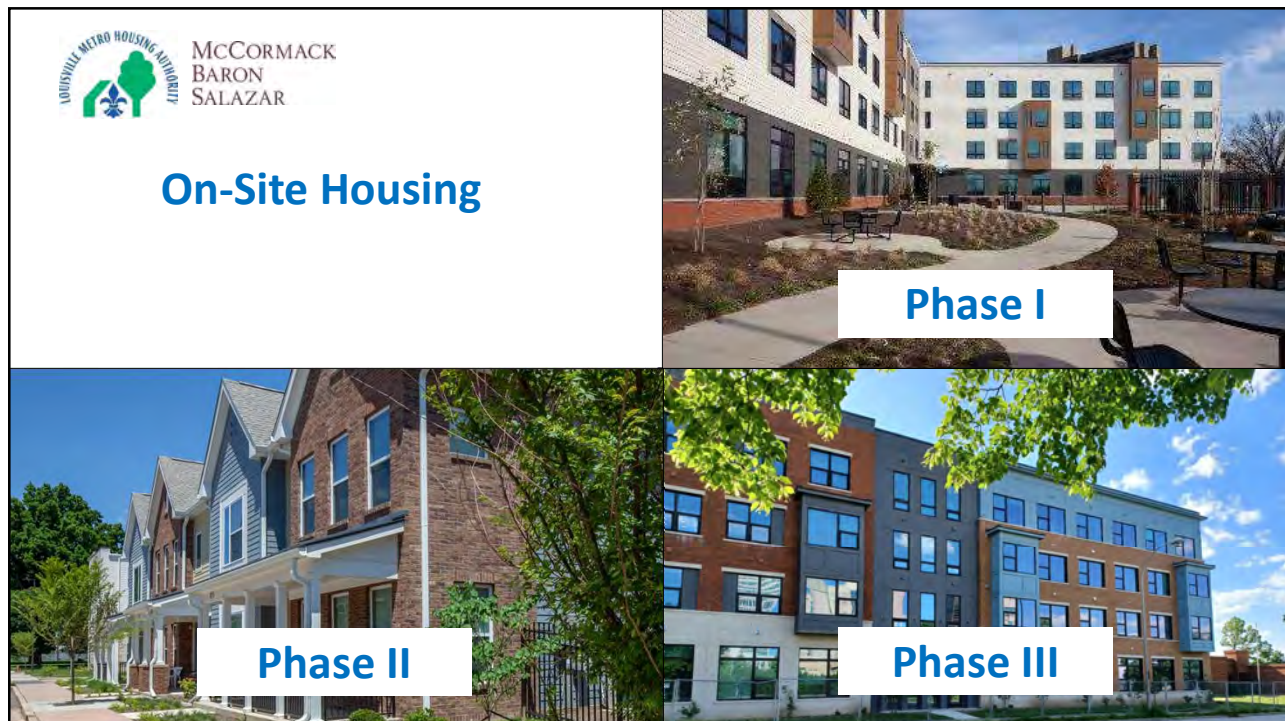


13th and Muhammad Ali Blvd.

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**MCCORMACK
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On-Site Housing




Phase IV

Closing in June 2023




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Off-Site Housing Currently Available

For more information visit
<https://visionrussell.org/original-beecher-residents-3>




Crossings at Mill Creek

(Leasing in Late July or Early August 2023) &
Lower Hunter's Trace
(Leasing in Mid June, 2023)



Zion Manor II

(Currently 100% Leased)



Donerail Run

(Now Leasing)

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Off-Site Housing

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Gateway on Broadway
(Closing May 19, 2023)



The Eclipse in Russell
(Under construction)



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Coordinating Committee Meeting

- *September 20, 2023, 10 a.m.*



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