

Russell Neighborhood Choice Planning Grant Application



Project Updates

Beecher Terrace Resident Meeting 2

September 16, 2014



AGENDA

- Welcome
- Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant
- Partners, Committees, Task Forces
- Next Steps in the Planning Process
- Results of Exercise from 1st Meeting
- Conversation with our Choice
Neighborhoods Planning Coordinator,
Rhae Parkes, EJP Consulting Group



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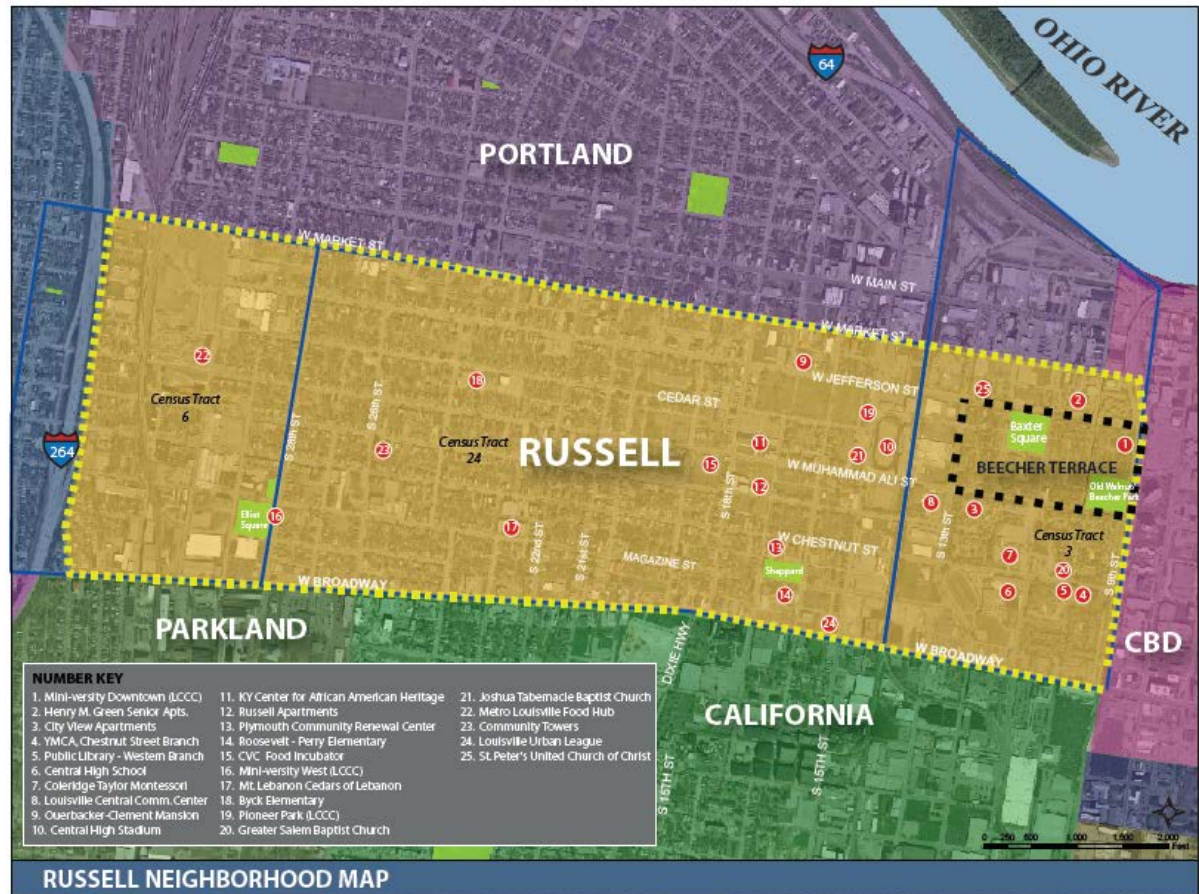
CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM

- Planning grants are funded by HUD – up to \$500,000.
- Funds used to develop a **Transformation Plan** for the Russell Neighborhood, including Beecher Terrace.
- Focus on housing, people and neighborhood.
- Application submitted on 8/9/2014.
- HUD received 50 applications!
- Awards are anticipated in January 2015.
- 2 years to complete Transformation Plan.



RUSSELL NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES

- North: Market Street
- South: Broadway
- East: 9th Street
(Roy Wilkins Ave.)
- West: I-264
(West of 32nd St.)



THE PLANNING STRUCTURE



LEAD APPLICANT



Louisville Metro Housing Authority

Tim Barry – Executive Director

Bernard Pincus – Project Manager

Kathleen O’Neil – Assistant Project Manager

Diane Foster – Community and Supportive Services

Wavid Wray - Financing



COMMITTEE CO-LEADS



Coordinating Committee

Gretchen Milliken, Develop Louisville

Tim Barry, Louisville Metro Housing Authority

Community Advisory Committee

Marshall Gazaway, Beecher Terrace Resident Council

Dan Crutcher, Louisville Central Community Centers



THREE TASK FORCES



TASK FORCES CO-LEADS

People

Reverend Jamesetta Ferguson - St. Peter's Church
Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt – Louisville Metro Public Health & Wellness

Housing

Johnetta Roberts – Community Ventures Corporation
Virginia Peck – Develop Louisville

Neighborhood

Sam Watkins – Louisville Central Community Centers
Scott Love – Louisville Forward



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Door knocking campaign
- Accessible community meetings accessible:
 - Translation
 - Childcare, transportation & food offered
 - Very interactive
- Collect contact information
- Website will post all CNI-related materials (e.g., meeting notes, agendas, etc.)
- Multiple ways to provide input:
 - Interactive website
 - Small group meetings
 - Community information fairs
 - Meetings
 - Focus groups
 - Resident survey
 - Telephone
 - other ideas?

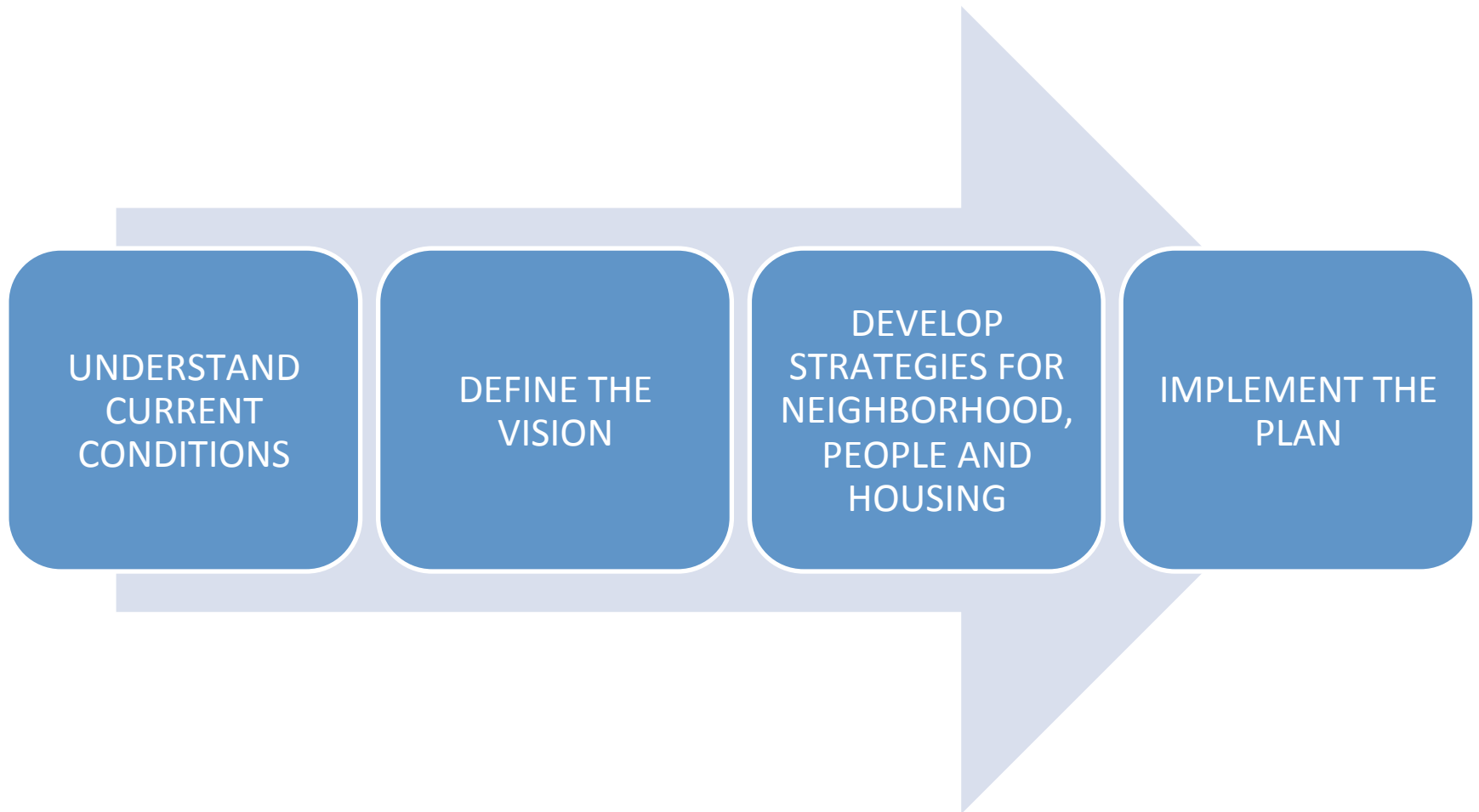


COMMUNITY
INPUT

DATA
COLLECTION



TIMELINE AND PROCESS



RESULTS FROM EXERCISE AT FIRST MEETING

Strengths and Things to Build On

Beecher Terrace

Many concerned, positive neighbors
Sober Living section of the site

Russell Neighborhood

Strong mass transportation (bus lines)
Variety of churches
Baxter Community Center and Other Community Centers (LCCC)
Close to Downtown
Neighborhood Assets – YMCA, Western Library, Fire House
Good community members



RESULTS FROM EXERCISE AT FIRST MEETING

Needs/Weaknesses

Youth

More activities for youth
Structure, increase safety, curfews

Beecher Terrace Site and Units

Improve parking and lighting
Create state of the art community center
Buildings dated, upgrade plumbing and drainage systems

Occupancy Criteria/Management

Noise control/loud music
More careful screening of new residents



RESULTS FROM EXERCISE AT FIRST MEETING

Needs/Weaknesses

Crime/Safety

Non-residents trespassing/negative influence/gambling

Reduce and prosecute crime

Drug dealing/drug-related problems

Stronger policing/community-oriented policing

Heavy traffic/speeding/traffic calming features

Neighborhood

Need grocery store in area

More jobs in area

Cleaner/greener neighborhood

Other

Improved transportation/bus lines

More unity among residents/lack of community

Full list of results will be posted at www.lmha1.org



NO RELOCATION OR DEMOLITION AT THIS POINT

REMINDER: Planning grants **CANNOT** be used for:

- 1) Demolition;
- 2) Relocation; or
- 3) Replacement housing.

