

The Russell Choice Neighborhood Initiative

The Louisville Metro Housing Authority, the Louisville Metro Government, and other partner organizations are working hand-in-hand with neighborhood residents to create a strategy for the revitalization of the Russell Neighborhood, including the Beecher Terrace public housing development.

Called the Russell Choice Neighborhood Initiative, this extensive planning effort will result in a community driven, implementable and financially feasible Transformation Plan for the neighborhood.

The effort covers the area between Market Street and Broadway, from 9th to 32nd Street.

Task Forces

The planning work will be divided among four task forces, which will concentrate on the following topics:

- **Education Task Force:**
 - Quality early learning programs like Head Start
 - Effective public schools
 - Quality out-of-school-time programs
 - Successful transitions from high school to college and career
 - Parental engagement
- **Housing Task Force:**
 - Energy-efficient, sustainable housing
 - Accessible and visitable housing
 - Mixed-income housing
 - Design alternatives for Beecher Terrace replacement units
 - Potential Beecher Terrace office replacement housing sites
 - Beecher Terrace resident relocation
- **Neighborhood Task Force:**
 - Vacant and abandoned properties
 - Neighborhood amenities like grocery stores, banks, healthcare providers and early learning programs
 - Access to transportation
 - Safer neighborhood
 - Infrastructure and park improvements/open space
- **People Task Force:**
 - Employment and work
 - Financial literacy and credit repair

- Access to quality health care
- Access to healthy foods and promotion of physical activity
- Supportive services for families and youth

The public is invited to attend all task force meetings. Information on the next task force meeting, a joint meeting of all four task forces, follows:

Tuesday, July 21, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Central High School Auditorium
1130 W. Chestnut Street

This joint task force meeting will cover the following topics:

- Welcome and Introductions
- The Russell Choice Neighborhood logo
- Presentation on Existing Conditions in Russell
- Discussion, questions, input on presentation
- Co-Chairs report on findings from Vision Exercise at June Task Force meetings
- Review of community meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Next steps for task forces – agendas, meeting schedules, tasks

Task force members and the public are also invited to attend the community meeting on Existing Conditions that will be also be held at Central High School on July 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.