

Russell Choice Neighborhood Initiative

Notice of Initial Task Force Meetings

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 neighborhood planning effort will result in a community driven, implementable and financially feasible Russell Transformation Plan.

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

Task Forces:

The planning work will be divided among 4 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 transition 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 offsite 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

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- **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. The schedule for the initial meetings of each task force is given below.

Initial Task Force Meeting Schedule:

- **People Task Force**
Monday, June 1 from 1:00 -2:30 PM

Location:
St. Peter's United Church of Christ (Temporary Location)
Russell Plaza
1407 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 120
- **Neighborhood Task Force**
Monday, June 1 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location:
Louisville Central Community Centers
Old Walnut Street Campus
1300 W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard
- **Housing Task Force**
Tuesday, June 2 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Location:
Kentucky African American Heritage Center
1701 W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard
- **Education Task Force**
Tuesday, June 2 from 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Location:
Junior Achievement
1401 W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard

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Each of the initial task force meetings will cover the following topics:

- Introduction of current task force members
- Visioning exercise for the task force's component of the Russell Transformation Plan (Education, Housing, Neighborhood, or People)
- Review of planning process, including goals, timeline, and deliverables for the task force's component of the Russell Transformation Plan (Education, Housing, Neighborhood, or People)
- Identification of additional task force members who it would be helpful to include in the planning process and plans for outreach and engagement of same
- Suggestions for kick-off community engagement activity to be hosted by the task force
- Set next meeting date and location