

Summary Statement from the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership has for a decade led the way in complementing the work of Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. to proactively anticipate and address issues of affordability, equity, employment and health in Atlanta BeltLine communities. Our work has included establishing the Atlanta Land Trust Collaborative (ALTC) as a tool for creating permanent affordability; catalyzing the creation of the nationally recognized Atlanta BeltLine Workforce Partnership in Healthcare to connect residents with career opportunities; offering free homeowner workshops to help existing residents remain in their homes; and today investing \$500,000 in partnership with Kaiser Permanente to improve public health in communities along the Westside Trail. We are continuing to build partnerships, raise resources, and advance solutions to deliver economically and culturally vibrant, walkable, sustainable, healthy, mixed-income communities that are connected physically, civically, and socially and lead to a high quality of life for Atlanta's residents.

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Affordable housing is being built. There have been 2,000 affordable workforce units created in the Atlanta BeltLine planning area since 2005 by ABI, Invest Atlanta, the Atlanta Housing Authority, and the State Department of Community Affairs. Right now there are additional 250 units in various stages of development within active projects. Over the next three years, ABI will invest \$15-\$20 million to support an additional 425 to 600 units. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. completed an Integrated Action Plan (IAP) in 2015 to determine how to achieve the 2005 Redevelopment Plan's ambitious economic development and housing goals.

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The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership is the nonprofit organization that enables the Atlanta BeltLine project by raising money from the private and philanthropic sector, engages the public through programming, events and activities, and works to empower the residents through partnerships that bring about positive outcomes in the areas of health, housing and access to economic opportunity.

Led by a diverse, 24-member board of directors representing Atlanta's corporate, non-profit, community, and philanthropic leadership, six full-time staff of the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership help advance the full, inclusive vision of the Atlanta BeltLine by working closely with myriad partners – particularly Atlanta BeltLine, Inc., the entity overseeing the planning and implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine, including the construction of its trails, transit, parks, streetscapes, affordable housing, and art.

Since staff were first hired in 2006 – including current Executive Director, Rob Brawner – the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership has been working to advance solutions that promote inclusive housing, positive health outcomes, and access to economic opportunity around the Atlanta BeltLine. With the adoption of an updated strategic plan at the end of 2015, the board of directors reaffirmed its commitment to equitable development issues and identified the need to develop the organization's capacity to secure new resources through national philanthropy and program related investments to advance these components of the Atlanta BeltLine. Tangible accomplishments in the areas of health, housing, and access to economic opportunity throughout the Partnership's history include:

- 2007-2010: Led the effort to bring the community land trust model to Atlanta as a tool for creating permanent affordability and established the Atlanta Land Trust Collaborative (ALTC) as the

organization to implement it. The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership maintains a permanent seat on the ALTC board.

- 2008: Purchased land in Oakland City that is now home to the first urban farm on the Atlanta BeltLine.
- 2009: In partnership with Morehouse College, created a resource guide for residents to connect with the programs and organizations to help them remain in their homes.
- 2010-2012: Developed a strategic framework for connecting residents with employment opportunities around the Atlanta BeltLine.
- 2013: Launched free fitness classes on the Atlanta BeltLine to promote better health through quality instruction for residents who may not be able to afford gym memberships.
- 2013-2014: Catalyzed the creation of the Atlanta BeltLine Workforce Partnership in Healthcare to connect residents with career opportunities. The program was recognized as a national model by President Obama.
- 2014-2015: Rallied Atlanta's philanthropic community to invest \$10 million in the Westside Trail – providing the funding to claim the \$18 million TIGER V grant and deliver the mainline Atlanta BeltLine trail to Southwest Atlanta.
- 2015: Cultivated relationship with the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia and Westside Works to place Westside residents in Atlanta BeltLine construction jobs.
- 2015: Established the Atlanta BeltLine Faith-Based Collaborative to deepen interaction with houses of worship and faith-based institutions.
- 2015: Inaugurated the Washington Park Jamboree as an annual community festival promoting healthy lifestyles on Atlanta's west side.
- 2016: Hosted the Pittsburgh Rise community festival in partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation to promote neighborhoods along the Atlanta BeltLine's southern arc.
- 2016: Supported by the two Atlanta BeltLine Partnership appointees to the Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. board of directors, ABI's board of directors approves revised FY17 budget including allocation of \$11 million for affordable housing.
- 2016: Offering free homeowner workshops to help existing residents remain in their homes.
- 2016-2017: Investing \$500,000 in partnership with Kaiser Permanente to support programming that will improve public health in communities along the Westside Trail.

The Atlanta BeltLine is an unprecedented, ambitious project – and it is bigger than any one individual or any one organization. From our inception, the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership has recognized the need for all stakeholders – government, philanthropy, business, non-profit, community, and institutional partners – to work together in a collaborative, coordinated, and often selfless manner if we are to attain the vibrant future for our city embodied in the Atlanta BeltLine.

We are committed to continuing to build partnerships, raise resources, and advance solutions to deliver economically and culturally vibrant, walkable, sustainable, healthy, mixed-income communities that are connected physically, civically, and socially and lead to a high quality of life for Atlanta's residents. Neither we nor any other organization can do this alone, and we welcome and respect all those who want to help deliver the Atlanta BeltLine vision, are open to divergent views, and seek constructive paths forward.

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- In 2005, the Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. committed to delivering 5,600 affordable workforce housing units out of 28,000 residential housing units across the Atlanta BeltLine Planning Area by 2030.
- Since 2006, the Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. has achieved:
 - More than 15,000 residential housing units (Target 28,000).
 - More than 550 Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. and Invest Atlanta supported affordable workforce housing units (Target 5,600).
 - Approximately 1,000 Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. and Invest Atlanta supported affordable workforce housing units in the Atlanta BeltLine planning area.
 - More than 2,000 affordable workforce housing including utilizing Atlanta Housing Authority and Georgia Department of Community Affairs resources and funding.
- The Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. completed an Integrated Action Plan (IAP) in 2015 to determine how to achieve the 2005 Redevelopment Plan's ambitious economic development and housing goals. The plans included to:
 - develop new and maximize existing sources of revenue, including over \$15M from the TAD over the next three years.
 - establish and capitalize a strategic acquisition fund.
 - recapitalize the Atlanta BeltLine Affordable Housing Trust Fund incentives.
 - drive the completion of Lofts at Reynoldstown Crossing Phase II and other ABI owned sites.
 - lead planning efforts in the Boulevard Crossing node with surrounding property owners.
 - implement the Federal Home Loan Bank Structured Partnership in the Tax Allocation District offering owner occupied rehabilitation and down payment assistance.
 - directly support the creation of over 600 affordable units over the next five years.
- The Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. established a new housing program by establishing a partnership with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (FHLBank Atlanta) in 2105 offering a cumulative \$600,000 in grant funding for the purchase of new homes, or rehabilitation of existing homes, in the Atlanta BeltLine Planning Area.
 - More than \$1.9 million in funding was leveraged by \$400,000 of Atlanta BeltLine funding. The funding was made available exclusively to FHLBank Atlanta member financial institutions and their eligible customers earning 80 percent or less than the area median income. The program was renewed in 2016 with new partnerships with HouseProud Atlanta, Habitat for Humanity Atlanta, and others.

- The Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. committed to an additional \$15-20 million in TAD revenue the fiscal year 2017 budget. Additional funding will:
 - dedicate approximately \$2.1 million annually from tax increment for affordable workforce housing beginning in 2017 for a total of \$6.3 million over 3 years.
 - Support a 2016 bond issue that will capitalize up to \$11 million in additional funding for affordable workforce housing
 - Dedicate 75 percent of any mid-year unanticipated increment that we receive to affordable housing efforts.