



The Atlanta BeltLine is Open!

Three Atlanta BeltLine Parks Open This Year

Atlanta residents have new parks to enjoy with Peoplestown's D.H. Stanton Park and Old Fourth Ward's Historic Fourth Ward Park and Skatepark now open to the public. These new public spaces exemplify the Atlanta BeltLine's dedication to providing sustainable resources that enhance livability throughout the City.

Mayor Reed led a ribbon cutting to reopen D.H. Stanton Park in May, highlighting the collaborative efforts undertaken by city officials, private donors, community groups and neighborhood residents who all played key roles in the park's revitalization.

Tony Hawk, whose foundation awarded a \$25,000 grant to help build the Historic Fourth Ward Skatepark, made a surprise visit to the park's June opening. After skating with Atlanta's local skateboarding community, Hawk voiced his excitement that the City had such a large facility that accommodates skaters of all ability levels.

Historic Fourth Ward Park opened to the public this spring and is celebrating the dedication with Mayor Reed on June 18. The park, which features a stormwater detention lake as its central visual amenity, transformed the former industrial site into new greenspace for the city and will help alleviate the flooding issues that have impacted area.

- D.H. Stanton Park is located at 1052 Martin St. SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30315.
- Historic Fourth Ward Skatepark is located at 830 Willoughby Way, Atlanta, Georgia 30312.
- Historic Fourth Ward Park is located at 680 Dallas Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

Go check them out!



Mayor Reed joins city officials, private donors, community members and Atlanta BeltLine representatives in the ribbon cutting ceremony for D.H. Stanton Park.
Credit: Christopher T. Martin



Tony Hawk, sitting with Councilmember Kwanza Hall, made a surprise appearance at the Historic Fourth Ward Skatepark Opening Celebration.
Credit: Marc Mauldin

From the desk of the President and CEO:

This summer, the Atlanta BeltLine continues to forge ahead, creating a more sustainable and connected City. Under Mayor Reed's leadership, we have been focused on delivering tangible projects that people can enjoy now. The Atlanta BeltLine is an evolutionary project that will continually reshape the city with each passing year.

The parks we are now opening are the culmination of years of hard work that have transformed 30 acres of underutilized land into vibrant and innovative greenspaces for the City. Construction of the Eastside Trail is well underway, and the Transit Implementation Strategy is moving ahead. At the same time, we are building our organization to help propel

the Atlanta BeltLine's development full steam ahead.

It is an honor to work on this project for the public and a special privilege to work with the amazing team at Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. This June, ABI's Vice President and General Counsel, Patrise Perkins-Hooker, was installed as the Secretary of the State Bar of Georgia. She is the first African American to serve as an officer in the history of the State Bar of Georgia, and we could not be prouder to have her as part of ABI.

With this incredible team, we are constantly focused on innovation, sustainability and excellence with an aim to establish national and international best practices. As more cities adopt economic development policies designed to create livable and connected communities,

the Atlanta BeltLine remains a leader, showcasing a prime example for creating an integrated strategy to combat sprawl and encourage smart growth.

We would not have achieved all of these milestones without your input, involvement and unrelenting support. We encourage you to stay involved, volunteer, attend events and help shape your neighborhoods through Study Group meetings and other opportunities. Please visit us online for the most up to date information on all of these exciting new developments and programs at www.BeltLine.org, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

See you on the Atlanta BeltLine,

-Brian Leary

Atlanta BeltLine Running Series Starts Strong

By Emily Libman, Atlanta BeltLine Contributor



It is 7:30 a.m., and I am wandering around the start line as I await my friend Lauren who has agreed to join me for the first race in the Atlanta BeltLine running series. It's my first 5K in four years, but as a fellow working at Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. and as a passionate supporter of the project, I wanted to participate in the event which was created, in part, to help generate awareness, funding and support for the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership.

Upon her arrival, Lauren and I chat with some

of the other participants, discussing the morning's perfectly cool weather and one another's preferences to either run or walk the race (we were walkers). I also expressed my elation to learn that nearly 400 people registered for the race and that many shared my enthusiasm.

I turned as a friendly young woman asked, "Oh the BeltLine! Is that still going to happen?" I smiled as I explained that, "The Atlanta BeltLine is happening now. The 5K will be taking place on the Northside Trail which opened up last year." She was happy to hear it, and while I was happy to inform, I also realized the importance of these public events. Here we were, about to step onto one of the Atlanta BeltLine trails, and not everyone knew the project had even begun!

There's no denying that Atlanta BeltLine events and activities attract a vibrant, enthusiastic audience, and there was no doubt that participants enjoyed the first race in the series. You could hear people buzzing about the beautiful trail, the fun race and the project overall as people winded down after crossing the finish line.

As I made my way out of the park, I overheard countless participants discuss bringing their friends out to the next race or swapping details about the next park opening. Their enthusiasm was palpable as they made plans to share what they've seen with their friends and family – and that infectious excitement is how these events are going to help the Atlanta BeltLine project resonate throughout the City.



Next Race:
Atlanta BeltLine Southwest 5K,
Saturday, July 16 at 7:30 a.m.
Signup at Run.BeltLine.org !

Off to the races! Nearly 400 participants walked, ran and jogged along the Northside Trail as part of Atlanta BeltLine Partnership's first 5K in its 2011 Running Series
Credit: Marc Mauldin

Dine Out on Thursdays in June for Art!

Following the success of its inaugural year, "Art on the Atlanta BeltLine" is returning this fall. Artists submitted proposals that marry their artistic visions with the landscape and sustainability themes of the City's comprehensive redevelopment project, and those selected will be exhibited September through November of this year.

To help support the art project, several Atlanta restaurants have signed onto participate in Dine Out for Art on the Atlanta BeltLine – every Thursday in June, participating restaurants will donate a portion of their profits to the temporary art exhibition.

We encourage you to visit Art.BeltLine.org for a comprehensive list of participating restaurants and be sure to dine out every Thursday in June to help support "Art on the Atlanta BeltLine" which will once again feature several installations and performances from Atlanta's eclectic art communities, showcasing the city's diversity and bringing the Atlanta BeltLine corridor to life.

Because of the tremendous response to last year's events and this year's call for submissions, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. has contracted public art administrator, Elan Buchen, who will support the execution of the public art programs, including "Art on the Atlanta BeltLine," that encompass the 22-mile network of parks and trails.

Now "Art on the Atlanta BeltLine" has its own Facebook Fan Page. We hope you'll "like" it and stay tuned for updates on the selected artists and events. Join us at www.facebook.com/ArtontheAtlantaBeltLine!

Transit: On the Move!

With the Transit Implementation Strategy (TIS) underway, the Atlanta BeltLine is working to identify segment priorities and funding opportunities that will best advance transit projects on the Atlanta BeltLine and in the City. Throughout the past several months, more than 600 Atlantans have contributed feedback both in Study Group meetings and online forums to share their thoughts on the future of transit in the City of Atlanta.

Most recently, the City of Atlanta submitted four transit segments to be considered as part of the Transportation Investment Act (TIA). The TIA represents the region's first chance to reshape its transportation future in decades, and the Atlanta BeltLine submissions have made it to the unconstrained list of projects. The final list will be determined in October, and voters across the Atlanta region will be able to have their votes counted in 2012.

In the upcoming months, the Atlanta BeltLine will host additional public meetings to discuss transit and the draft Tier I Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a critical federal transit study that has been underway for more than two years. The TIS Citywide Conversation is scheduled for June 30 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. For a comprehensive list of meetings please visit Calendar.BeltLine.org.

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Staff News

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. has once again launched a summer fellowship program to provide invaluable work experience for qualified students and expand the organization's capacity. Fellows will play an active role in the redevelopment project, contributing valuable assistance that will further the Atlanta BeltLine's mission.

Graduate Fellows

Wesley Brown, North Carolina State University
Raquel Edwards, University of Michigan
Paul Foster, Georgia State University
Shane Greenberg, Temple University
Laura Richter, Georgia Institute of Technology
Yi Zhou, Georgia Institute of Technology

Volunteer Fellows

Emily Emschoff, University of Georgia
W. Price Gutshall, Cornell University
Andrew Nelson, University of Florida

Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
6/16/11	6-8 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Quarterly Briefing – Q2	AGL Resources, 10 Peachtree Place NE # 1000, Atlanta, 30309
6/18/11	10 AM-12 PM	Historic Fourth Ward Park Dedication	80 Dallas Street, Atlanta, 30308
6/18/11	12-2 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Ambassador Day – Volunteer Event	Historic Fourth Ward Park, 80 Dallas Street, Atlanta, 30308
6/21/11	6-7 PM	Southeast Atlanta BeltLine 101	Historical Concepts - 490 Brasfield Square (Glenwood Park), Atlanta, 30316
6/30/11	6-8 PM	Citywide Conversation – Transit Implementation Strategy	Atlanta City Hall, Old Council Chambers, 68 Mitchell Street Southwest, Atlanta, 30303
7/12/11	2:30 PM	BAHAB Meeting	ABI, 86 Pryor St. SW, Atlanta, 30303
7/16/11	7:30 AM- 12 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Southwest 5K (Running Series)	Rose Circle Park, 914 Rose Circle, SW, Atlanta, 30310
7/16/11	10 AM	APAB Meeting	Atlanta City Hall, 68 Mitchell Street Southwest, Atlanta, 30303
7/26/11	4 PM	TADAC Meeting	ABI, 86 Pryor St. SW, Atlanta, 30303
7/28/11	6:30-8:30 PM	Southwest Study Group – Perkinson Park Master Plan	West Hunter Baptist, 1040 Abernathy Blvd SW, Atlanta, 30310

For information on events, study groups and volunteer opportunities, visit Calendar.BeltLine.org

Volunteers Support the Atlanta BeltLine on Earth Day



Nearly 200 volunteers participated in the Earth Day Atlanta BeltLine Cleanup, removing kudzu, garbage, furniture, tires and even shopping carts from the Corridor on the west side of Atlanta.
Credit: Marc Mauldin

The Atlanta BeltLine would like to extend immense gratitude for all of the volunteers and "Adopt the Atlanta BeltLine" participants that have dedicated their time in improving conditions along the corridor. This Earth Day, approximately 200 volunteers gathered together to pick up trash, clear debris and remove invasive plants from Gordon White

Park and the west side of the Atlanta BeltLine, an area that has historically been notorious for kudzu overgrowth and illegal dumping.

The event marked the fifth annual Earth Day on the Atlanta BeltLine Cleanup and helped clear the area, making way for temporary art exhibits that will line the corridor this fall as "Art on the

Atlanta BeltLine" returns. The cleanup also helps ensure that Atlanta BeltLine trails remain safe, clean and pedestrian-friendly for residents and visitors.

To learn more about opportunities to get involved, please visit Volunteer.BeltLine.org.



New baseball diamond, solar panels and playgrounds are among the new features in Peoplestown's Stanton Park. Credit: Christopher T. Martin

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About the Atlanta BeltLine

The Atlanta BeltLine has the extraordinary potential to transform the City of Atlanta. It will combine parks and greenspace, transit and trails, transportation and pedestrian access, affordable workforce housing and public art along 22 miles of historic rail segments that encircle the urban core. The Atlanta BeltLine will ultimately connect 45 neighborhoods. As one of the most comprehensive economic development efforts ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment currently underway in the U.S., the Atlanta BeltLine will serve as a model of environmental sustainability, effective land use and historic preservation.

Atlanta BeltLine Inc. (ABI), formed by the Atlanta Development Authority, is the entity tasked with planning and executing the implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine with partners including City of Atlanta Departments. Its functions include specifically defining the Atlanta BeltLine plan; leading efforts to secure federal, state and local funding; continuing the community engagement process; and serving as the overall project management office to execute the Atlanta BeltLine plan, including the coordination of planning and execution activities with other City of Atlanta departments and managing all vendors and suppliers. Atlanta BeltLine Inc. is also responsible for tracking and reporting progress to the Atlanta City Council, Atlanta Public Schools and Fulton County, the three taxing authorities that authorized the BeltLine TAD legislation in 2005.



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