



From the Chairman of the Board:

Progress for the Atlanta BeltLine continues, and this spring brought attention to an often overlooked aspect of the project—brownfield remediation, or the cleanup of contaminated property. The Atlanta BeltLine was showcased as a model project in May at the 2013 National Brownfields Conference, with several staff members and Atlanta BeltLine visionary Ryan Gravel participating in a number of sessions, panels and tours. In addition, the U.S. Environmental Protection awarded the Atlanta BeltLine a \$600,000 grant to clean up the old rail corridor north of the Eastside Trail. This type of national recognition is welcome and will help the project remain competitive for future local, federal and philanthropic funding.

We continue to prioritize public safety throughout the Atlanta BeltLine footprint and are excited for the Atlanta Police Department to launch the new Path Force this summer, a dedicated unit for the Atlanta BeltLine and adjacent parks. This new force is in addition to recently improved lighting and new surveillance cameras on the Eastside Trail.

The Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum is advancing at a rapid pace, with 8.5 acres of native grasses and wildflowers now installed along the length of the Eastside Trail by our partner Trees Atlanta. Nearly 700 large trees lend shade and beauty to this safe, walkable space.

Thank you for your continued engagement and involvement—we couldn't build the Atlanta BeltLine without you.

—John Somerhalder



CORRIDOR DESIGN: SOUTHWEST & SOUTHEAST



Pictured above: A rendering of Murphy's Crossing with Atlanta BeltLine trails and transit as seen from Allene Avenue in Adair Park and looking towards Murphy Avenue.

In April of this year, nearly 100 people came out for the kick-off meeting on southwest corridor design. Broadly, corridor design establishes the basis for future Atlanta BeltLine design and construction, including proposed transit stops, in the corridor.

This area, stretching from Lena Street down to Allene Avenue, is home to several significant landmarks, including Washington Park and Adair Park, two

amenities that bookend this segment. Enota Park lies directly on the Atlanta BeltLine's western flank, abutting the Westview neighborhood.

Southeast corridor design has just begun, which will connect the Atlanta BeltLine directly to Boulevard Crossing, Grant Park and Ormewood Park. Public meetings will take place this summer or fall to present the southeast corridor design.

SUMMERTIME ON THE ATLANTA BELTLINE

Where can kids get wet and play on public art? D. H. Stanton Park! With a commissioned art piece by Robert Witherspoon as its centerpiece, the splashpad sits in the middle of the interactive playground at D. H. Stanton Park, the first energy cost-neutral park in the City of Atlanta. While you're basking in the sun, the photovoltaic solar panels are working to generate enough energy to power ten homes.

On the southwest side of town? Perkerson Park also has a splash pad open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., in addition to 50 acres of green space and a playground. The Perkerson Park splash pad is a direct result of Councilwoman Joyce Sheperd's vision and a donation from the Arthur M. Blank Foundation.

The third kid in our splashpad family is at Historic Fourth Ward Park, also part of a playground. Speaking of water, the park features a lake that is



Pictured above: Kids play in the splashpad at D. H. Stanton Park. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

a storm water detention basin, meant to withstand significant flooding and alleviate drainage issues. If the kids are no longer of the splashing age, the Historic Fourth Ward Skatepark is just a stone's throw away. More info at parks.beltline.org.

With nearby trail access, summer is also a great time to jump back on the bicycle or get the dog out to stretch her legs. Check out trails.beltline.org for more info on what is open.

ADOPTER SPOTLIGHT



Volunteers lay mulch for their path connecting The Belvedere condos to the Atlanta BeltLine.

The northeast section of the Atlanta BeltLine has come a long way in the past few years, in part thanks to the work of Jason Abbott and residents of The Belvedere along with Mike Ferreira and his team at Dreamscape Designs. Together, this power duo has spearheaded the care and maintenance of this segment of the Atlanta BeltLine from Evelyn Street to Westminster Drive as part of the Adopt the Atlanta BeltLine program.

Jason, Mike, and fellow volunteers dedicate countless hours to keeping this stretch of interim hiking trail free from invasive species, trash, and graffiti. A mulch path and small garden now encourage Belvedere residents to take a walk along the peaceful trail without having to go out to Monroe Drive in a circuitous route to get to Piedmont Park. The border of the condo complex along the Atlanta BeltLine will see even more activity with the opening of Piedmont Park's Woodland Gardens this summer. You can expect the path to always look its best thanks to the hard work of adopters like Mike and Jason.

You can read more about the program, the segments available for adoption, and how you can get involved with Adopt the Atlanta BeltLine at adopt.beltline.org!

OPEN FOR BUSINESS ON EDGEWOOD AVENUE!

We wanted to remind everyone that despite the construction happening on the Edgewood Avenue bridge, the businesses on both the east and west sides of the Atlanta BeltLine are accessible and open for business. Please consider stopping by and patronizing these nearby businesses during construction, which is expected to last through April 2014:

Ammazza Pizza
Chocolate Fudge Salon
Edgewood Tires
Indigo Bar & Rooftop Lounge
Inertia Films
The Lighting Loft
Miso Izakaya

Mr. & Miss Einstein's Ice Cream & Coffee
Montage O4W Apartments
The Storage Neighbor
Thumbs Up Diner
Travisdowny
Vantage Realty Partners
Your Certified Locksmith

EARTH DAY ON THE ATLANTA BELTLINE



Pictured above: Over 300 volunteers planted 20,000 native grass plugs for Earth Day on the Atlanta BeltLine. **Photo credit:** Christopher T. Martin.

Keep Atlanta Beautiful, Trees Atlanta, the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership, and Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. spearheaded Earth Day on the Atlanta BeltLine 2013. The morning kicked off with breakfast from District 2 City Council Member Kwana Hall with additional support for the event from Park Pride, the Atlanta Community ToolBank, and neighborhood partners. Over 300 volunteers planted 1.5 acres of native grasses, hauled half a dump truck's

worth of compost, and pulled out enough asphalt and debris to fill up a pick-up truck.

The native grasses and wildflowers are part of the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum, a partnership with Trees Atlanta, which will ultimately ring the entire 22 miles of the project. Find out more at www.beltline.org/programs/atlanta-beltline-arboretum.

TRANSIT UPDATE

ABI's board of directors approved the expenditure of roughly \$3.4 million on environmental, design and engineering work for transit on the Atlanta BeltLine and extensions of the Atlanta Streetcar. Funding for these studies comes from the Eastside TAD, the Westside TAD, and the Atlanta BeltLine TAD. The procurement process is now underway for environmental and design engineering services.

NEW GRANTS & AWARDS

The Atlanta BeltLine has been honored with several awards and grants in recent weeks:

- Environmental Communications Award grand prize, a national award from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists.
- A \$600,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for brownfield remediation along the interim hiking trail in the northeast.
- A \$100,000 grant from Coca-Cola to The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership for *Healthy Atlanta BeltLine* to help provide increased access to community-oriented physical activity.
- An Award of Excellence from the Atlanta Urban Design Commission for Adaptive Use of the Eastside Trail.



PUBLIC SAFETY



This summer, the Atlanta Police Department will launch the Path Force unit with 20 officers tasked with maintaining public safety within the Atlanta BeltLine

footprint and adjacent parks. LT Jeff Baxter will serve as commander of this unit and has been studying best practices in other cities with similar park units to develop a comprehensive safety plan.

Installation of cameras, lighting fixtures, and mile markers are either underway or completed as we continue to improve safety. Trees Atlanta has cleared brush to improve lines of sight and ambient lighting from adjacent buildings. Police on bikes and horses continue to patrol the trail as they have done since last fall.

Atlanta BeltLine users are always encouraged to report suspicious activity to 9-1-1 as part of the "See Something/Say Something" campaign. Police officers will be dispatched to check on reports of suspicious people and activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
6/12/13	8:30-9:30 AM	ABI Executive Committee Meeting	86 Pryor Street, 30303
6/19/13	6:30-8:30 PM	Rub Club at West Stride	3517 Northside Pkwy, 30327
7/13/13	7:30 AM	Atlanta BeltLine Southwest 5k	1350 R. D. Abernathy Blvd, 30310
7/19/13	12-1 PM	Volunteer Training	50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 910, 30303
7/22/12	4-6 PM	TAD Advisory Committee	86 Pryor Street, 30303
8/13/13	3-5:30 PM	BAHAB Meeting	86 Pryor Street, 30303
8/14/13	8:30-10 AM	ABI Board of Directors Meeting	86 Pryor Street, 30303
9/7/13	7:30-11 PM	Eastside Trail Lantern Parade	Eastside Trail
9/24/13	5-11 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Night at the Braves	755 Hank Aaron Dr, 30315
9/28/13	9 AM-12 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Southeast 8k	Boulevard Crossing Park, 30315

For more details on upcoming events, please visit: events.beltline.org.

Bus tours and walking tours take place every Friday and Saturday morning—please visit tours.beltline.org for more information and to register.

We're looking for volunteers! Volunteer training is offered each month on the second Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 PM and the third Friday from 12-1 PM in the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership offices at 50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 910, 30303. Visit volunteer.beltline.org for more information on ways to get involved.

Get to know the project with an Atlanta BeltLine 101! These monthly educational presentations throughout the city will help answer your questions. Check out events.beltline.org for a full list of upcoming sessions.

STAFF NEWS

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. provides invaluable work experience to graduate students by actively involving them in all aspects of work underway on the project. ABI welcomes its 2013 Summer Fellows:

- **Ben Chambers** is one of the Transit and Transportation Fellows and is studying for his Masters in Urban Planning at Georgia Tech University.
- **Sarah Jayne Eiring** is the Public Arts Fellow and is studying for her Masters in Industrial Design at Georgia Tech.
- **Ivy Ford** is the Community Engagement Fellow and is studying for her Masters in Public Administration from Clark Atlanta University.
- **J.T. Gallagher** is the Legal Fellow and is studying for his law degree at Emory Law School.
- **Nicole Knox** is the Communications Fellow and is studying for her Masters in Professional Writing at Kennesaw State University.
- **Robert Morris** is one of the Transit and Transportation Fellows and is studying for his Masters in Community and Regional Planning at the University of Oregon.

5K RACE DAY RECAP

The Atlanta BeltLine Running Series got off to a great start with the Northside 5k on April 27. With nearly 600 enthusiastic registered runners, over 40 awesome volunteers, incredible prizes from our generous sponsors, terrific running weather, an awesome spirit of competitiveness between runners and the Atlanta Police and Fire Departments, and the addition of our first-ever 1K Youth Fun Run, this was an action-packed event!

The Atlanta Police Department won the FitWit fitness challenge, but the Atlanta Fire Department took home the trophy for the 2013 Atlanta BeltLine Police-Fire Challenge.

We hope to see you for the Southwest 5k on July 13. More info online: run.beltline.org.



RUNNING SERIES

Atlanta BeltLine Running Series: Southwest 5k

The next race in the running series is the Southwest 5k. This run/walk along the West End Trail winds through the historic West End and Westview neighborhoods. Runners, walkers, families with strollers and dogs on leashes are all welcome to participate on July 13, 2013. Visit run.beltline.org for more information and to register.



Mark your calendars for the Southeast 8k on September 28 and the Eastside 10k on December 7!

In addition to four races in 2013, we encourage you to join us for monthly Run Clubs. Please check events.beltline.org for up-to-date locations and times.

The proceeds from the Atlanta BeltLine Running Series Southwest 5k benefit the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership.

EASTSIDE TRAIL EXTENSION



Pictured Above: After 107 years of serving Atlanta, the Edgewood Avenue bridge was torn down to make way for a new bridge and the Eastside Trail extension. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

As the replacement of the Edgewood Avenue bridge over the Eastside Trail is now underway, more people are asking about the extension of the Atlanta BeltLine through Reynoldstown to Glenwood Park.

The next two years will see a dramatic transformation to this segment with trail construction and bike / pedestrian improvements. Here is a quick reference breakdown of each section of this extension, starting at the current

southern terminus of the Eastside Trail at Lake Avenue / Irwin Street:

Irwin Street to DeKalb Avenue: Once the Edgewood Avenue bridge over this section of trail is complete in early 2014, construction will commence to extend the current Eastside Trail down to DeKalb Avenue. A ramp and stairs will connect from the bridge to the Atlanta BeltLine corridor below.

DeKalb Avenue to Krog tunnel: The trail will leave the railroad corridor and transition to sidewalks along DeKalb Avenue. Design is underway for how to navigate DeKalb Avenue.

Through the Krog Street tunnel: The path will continue under Hulsey Yard via the Krog tunnel. Pedestrians will utilize the sidewalk and cyclists will be in-street. Pavement and lighting will be improved.

Krog Street along Wylie Street to the railroad corridor: Making a left (east) out of the Krog tunnel, the path will continue along Wylie Street with bicycle improvements and streetscapes.

From Wylie Street to Memorial Drive: Just before Flat Shoals Avenue, the path re-enters the old railroad corridor and continues south to Memorial Drive with one at-grade crossing at Kirkwood Avenue and a ramp connection to Mauldin Street /Fulton Terrace.

SAVE THE DATE

Art on the Atlanta BeltLine, the largest temporary art project in the history of Atlanta, kicks off on September 7 with a Lantern Parade along the Eastside Trail. The exhibition will run through November 2013 and showcase visual artists, performers and musicians ranging from emerging artists to working professionals. Stay tuned to art.beltline.org for schedule and art locations.



Look for concerts, parades, sculptures, murals and more as part of Art on the Atlanta BeltLine 2013.

ABOUT US

The Atlanta BeltLine is the most comprehensive economic development effort ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and among the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment and mobility projects currently underway in the United States. The Atlanta BeltLine is a sustainable redevelopment project that will provide a network of public parks, multi-use trails, transit and affordable housing along an historic 22-mile railroad corridor circling downtown and connecting many neighborhoods directly to each other. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) is the entity tasked with planning and executing the implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine in partnership with other public and private organizations, including City of Atlanta departments and the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership. For more information on the Atlanta BeltLine, please visit: www.beltline.org.

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SOUTHWEST CONNECTOR TRAIL

The Southwest Connector Trail has seen exciting progress recently. Beautiful granite features highlight the multi-use trail, including seating areas and the new bridge over Utoy Creek. Trees have been planted along the trail as part of the ongoing effort to beautify the green space around the Atlanta BeltLine with native plantings.

The trail also allows for improved access to Beecher Hills Elementary School, where an outdoor classroom has been installed so students can take advantage of the naturally-occurring learning environment. Look for the grand opening of this new spur trail later this summer.



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