



From the Chairman of the Board:

It is an exciting time for the Atlanta BeltLine. This fall, the public will begin to experience the reality of the Atlanta BeltLine vision as never before with the opening of the Eastside Trail. While we have opened several parks and trails, this is the first segment to open in one of the old rail corridors.

We also welcome the third season of *Art on the Atlanta BeltLine* which kicked off on September 8th with a Lantern Parade on the Eastside Trail.

The Atlanta BeltLine has accomplished many of its goals in just a few short years because of community input and support, a great team and tremendous partners. To continue this progress, the Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. Board of Directors made a change in leadership over the summer.

As we open the Eastside Trail and begin to deliver more new projects, we are also creating a comprehensive implementation plan that integrates the previous foundational studies and planning efforts completed with the community to date. This plan will guide our work to bring the entire Atlanta BeltLine project to reality.

Working with partners, stakeholders and the community, we will set forth a plan to set priorities and identify and secure all of the necessary funding to build this transformational project. We look forward to continuing to work with the community on all aspects of the Atlanta BeltLine project and thank you for your continued participation and support.

— John Somerhalder



EASTSIDE TRAIL DEDICATION OCTOBER 15



Pictured Above: Eastside Trail looking south towards Ralph McGill. The right side is preserved for transit. **Photo Credit:** Christopher T. Martin. **Pictured Below:** Map of the Eastside Trail.

On October 15, 2012, the Atlanta BeltLine's Eastside Trail will officially open to the public with a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

This new 2.25-mile long section of the Atlanta BeltLine, running from Irwin St. to 10th St. and Monroe Dr., connects the neighborhoods of Virginia Highland, Midtown, Poncey-Highlands, Inman Park and Old Fourth Ward. This section of trail also connects Piedmont Park to Freedom Park and Historic Fourth Ward Park and Skatepark - and connects to the PATH Foundation trail running from Stone Mountain to downtown.

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ART EXHIBIT NOW OPEN

Art on the Atlanta BeltLine is a testament to the Atlanta BeltLine as a powerful conduit for everyone in the region to gather, connect, and experience something vibrant and dynamic; something that stirs passions and creates an energy in public spaces.

The City of Atlanta's largest temporary public art exhibition showcases the work of hundreds of visual artists, performers, and musicians along nine miles of the Atlanta BeltLine corridor. This spectacular project places working professionals alongside

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ADOPTER SPOTLIGHT



Stepping out the back door, Shireen Herrington watches the Atlanta BeltLine's Eastside Trail take shape from among the hot peppers and herbs in the chef's garden behind her restaurant. Shireen is the manager at Two Urban Licks and feels a connection to her Austin, Texas roots when walking along the Atlanta BeltLine. "Austin has a lot of trails and open, outdoor things to do," said Shireen. "I was amazed that there was this free space in a prime location of Atlanta with art and almost a 'hippie-ness' to it. It's nice to have a healthy and alternative side to the city when Atlanta has always been more about traffic."

As part of the Adopt the Atlanta BeltLine program, Concentrics Restaurants (which owns Two Urban Licks) and Amsterdam Walk teamed up to adopt the stretch of interim hiking trail along Piedmont Park. They take turns picking up trash, clearing invasive species and weeds, and keeping an eye on the trail.

The Adopt the Atlanta BeltLine program skyrocketed in popularity last year as community organizations and businesses rushed to apply for the quarter-mile section of trail closest to them. The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership, along with Park Pride, administers the program. For more info, please visit adopt.beltline.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICY ADOPTED

Located along old freight rail right-of-ways, the Atlanta Beltline project is projected to clean up some 1,100 acres of contaminated industrial properties and repurpose these sites. During the redevelopment of this 22-mile corridor, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.'s (ABI's) objective is to incorporate an Environmental Justice Policy to ensure that people regardless of race, age, culture, or income are duly informed about opportunities to participate in the development and implementation of ABI programs, policies, activities and projects. It also seeks to ensure that residents are not treated unfairly, or caused to experience disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects.

ABI is committed to incorporating environmental justice in its processes, decision-making and programs by making reasonable efforts to engage the public, distribute information, generate notices relating to environmental issues, work with environmental organizations, and train staff on environmental justice. Please view the policy on our website at: www.beltline.org/progress/planning/foundational-studies.

Pictured Below: Industrial property abutting the Atlanta BeltLine in the northwest.



FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY COMPLETED

Recently, the Atlanta BeltLine transit and transportation team completed a critical study that lays the groundwork for future federal funding. The Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) determines the alignment of transit and trails in the Atlanta BeltLine corridor, advances transit implementation, and makes the project eligible for future federal funds.

The Tier 1 EIS for the 22-mile corridor was conducted by MARTA in partnership with Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. on behalf of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Next steps are to begin Tier 2 environmental documents for the portions of the Atlanta BeltLine corridor and Atlanta Streetcar extensions that are priorities for federal funding. ABI hopes to complete this work over the next one to two years' timeframe.

EDGEWOOD AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Starting in early 2013, the Atlanta BeltLine will work in conjunction with the City of Atlanta to replace the Edgewood Avenue bridge where it crosses over the Eastside Trail. Once the bridge is complete, construction will continue on the Eastside Trail from its current terminus at Lake Avenue / Irwin Street south to DeKalb Avenue. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2013 and should be completed by April 2014. The work zone will extend from Cornelia Street to Krog Street along Edgewood Avenue. Info and detour maps will be posted in the coming months on our website: www.beltline.org/progress/progress/edgewood-avenue-bridge/



STAFF NEWS



Lisa Gordon, COO
On August 17, the Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. Board of Directors designated Lisa Gordon in her role as Chief Operating Officer as the interim leader of the organization. Lisa joined ABI as COO in

January of 2010. Prior to joining ABI, she served as a Cabinet member for the Honorable Mayor Shirley Franklin in the capacity of a Deputy Chief Operating Officer for the City of Atlanta and was responsible for the Office of Enterprise Assets Management. She also served as the first African American female City Manager of the City of East Point, Georgia from 2004 to 2007. Lisa served as an Assistant City Manager in Austin, Texas and worked for Broward County. In these governments, she was responsible for Economic Development, Public Works & Transportation, Development Code & Neighborhood Planning, Environmental Issues and Public Safety.

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.'s fellowship program provides invaluable work experience. Current graduate fellows:

- Giovanni Cosentino
- Randy Gibbs

COMING SOON!

Atlanta BeltLine Running Series: Eastside 10k

PRESENTED BY:



The Atlanta BeltLine Eastside 10k is a run/walk showcasing the new Eastside Trail that will take place on December 1, 2012. Participants will pass by Historic Fourth Ward Park and Skate Park, take in beautiful vistas of downtown and midtown Atlanta, travel an off-road stretch of the Atlanta BeltLine corridor, and enjoy a jaunt through Piedmont Park.

Visit run.beltline.org for more information and to register!

The proceeds from the Atlanta BeltLine Running Series Eastside 10k benefit the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
9/25/12	4-6 PM	TAD Advisory Committee Meeting	86 Pryor Street, 30303
9/29/12–9/30/12		Art on the Atlanta BeltLine Concerts	Gordon White Park, 30310
10/4/12	6:30-9 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Run Club	Park Tavern, 500 10th Street, 30309
10/7/12	5-7 PM	Art on the Atlanta BeltLine Perf.	Piedmont Park Expansion, 30324
10/9/12	5:30-6:30 PM	Volunteer Training	50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 910, 30303
10/10/12	8:30–10 AM	Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. Board Meeting	86 Pryor Street, 30303
10/13/12–10/14/12		Art on the Atlanta BeltLine Perf.	Eastside Trail/Historic Fourth Ward Park
10/15/12	10-11 AM	Eastside Trail Dedication	On the Eastside Trail ; location to be determined
10/19/12	12-1 PM	Volunteer Training	50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 910, 30303
10/27/12–10/28/12		Art on the Atlanta BeltLine Perf.	Adair Park/Historic Fourth Ward Park
11/3/12–11/4/12		Art on the Atlanta BeltLine Perf.	Skatepark/Reynoldstown
11/13/12	3-5 PM	BeltLine Aff. Housing Board Meeting	86 Pryor Street, 30303
11/13/12	5:30-6:30 PM	Volunteer Training	50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 910, 30303
11/14/12	8:30-9:30 AM	ABI Executive Committee Meeting	86 Pryor Street, 30303
12/1/12	10AM-1 PM	Atlanta BeltLine Eastside 10k	Stoveworks, 112 Krog Street, 30307

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

ART EXHIBIT NOW OPEN cont.

emerging artists, and draws residents and visitors into some of the most unique public spaces in the City of Atlanta, providing powerful new perspectives on the city and its vibrant neighborhoods. *Art on the Atlanta BeltLine* touches almost 20 intown communities.

The exhibition showcases how art strengthens and beautifies current and former industrial areas and creates signature spaces exemplifying the

transformation of the city through the Atlanta BeltLine. This year's exhibition also celebrates the opening of the Eastside Trail.

The season's performance schedule is listed in the calendar above and details and maps are online at art.beltline.org/schedule. Read all about the artists and their work and download our 2012 brochure at art.beltline.org. You will also find an interactive map with access points and art locations on the website.

***Pictured Below:** "The Highball Artist" by Hadley Breckenridge under Lucile Avenue in the West End.*



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WE NEED YOU AS AN ATLANTA BELTLINE AMBASSADOR!

The Atlanta BeltLine Partnership has formalized its Ambassador Program for volunteers! Ambassadors disseminate information to community members keeping them abreast of Atlanta BeltLine news and events in their neighborhood. Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- **Neighborhood Liaison:** Represents their neighborhood, distributes info to officers (listed below), and attends neighborhood meetings with info.
- **Electronic Distribution Officer:** Takes info from Neighborhood Liaison and emails it to civic organizations, Google groups, neighborhood Facebook pages, etc.
- **Physical Distribution Officer:** Posts flyers, brochures, postcards, etc., in coffee shops, libraries, community centers, work places, organizations, etc.
- **Condo/Apartment Officer:** Sends electronic notifications to HOAs and posts flyers on condo/apartment message boards.
- **Schools Officer:** Sends electronic & physical information to schools.
- **Team Members:** Assist any of the officers in whatever capacity they are able.

Please email ambassadors@atlbeltlinepartnership.org to get involved!

EASTSIDE TRAIL DEDICATION cont.

The official dedication for the Eastside Trail will be held on October 15 at 10 a.m.

Visual works will be installed on the trail in September for the *Art on the Atlanta BeltLine* exhibit that runs through November 11. In addition, the trail will be part of the route for Atlanta Streets Alive on October 7. Landscaping will get started in mid-fall and continue into the spring with the planting of native flora; there will be volunteer opportunities to work with Trees Atlanta to plant new trees, which will be part of the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum.

Please be mindful that construction crews are active and anyone who uses the trail prior to the dedication does so at their own risk. Through the opening, crews will be working on sections of the trail, including concrete, hand rails, retaining walls and slope containment. Thank you for your continued patience! Visit eastsidetrail.beltline.org for updates.

Pictured Below: Eastside Trail at Greenwood Avenue looking south. Photo Credit: Christopher T. Martin.



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ATLANTA BELTLINE 101

Want to learn the Atlanta BeltLine basics? There's a 101 near you! Every month, the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership has educational presentations throughout the city that explain the project and answer all of your questions. Check out events.beltline.org for a full list of upcoming sessions.



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.



The Dojo Collective performing with Art on the Atlanta BeltLine in southwest Atlanta.

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