Atlanta Beltline, Inc. (ABI), an affiliate of the Atlanta Development Authority, is the entity tasked with planning and executing the implementation of the Beltline in partnership with the Beltline team including City of Atlanta Departments. Its functions include specifically defining the Beltline plan; leading efforts to secure federal, state and local funding; continuing the Beltline community engagement process; and serving as the overall project management officer to execute the 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 City of Atlanta to the City of Atlanta Public Schools and Fulton County, the three taxing authorities that authorized the Beltline TAD legislation in 2005.

UPCOMING EVENTS
July/August

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About the Beltline

The Beltline has extraordinary potential to positively transform the City of Atlanta. The Beltline will combine parks and greenspace, trail and transit, transportation and pedestrian access, affordable workforce housing and public art along 22 miles of historic rail segments that encircle the urban core.

The 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 United States, the Beltline will serve as a model of environmental sustainability, efficient land use and historic preservation.

The success of this ambitious 25-year project requires a commitment from those of us who are charged with managing the development of the Beltline. As we cannot do it alone, success requires a commitment to and partnership with you in the community. A commitment and partnership we welcome.

As we meet the opportunities and challenges of building the Beltline, we seek your commitment. We invite you to take note of and participate in the numerous opportunities for public involvement. We look forward to seeing you along the Beltline!

Terra Montague

BELTLINE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANS ADVANCING

"Understanding and appreciating the importance of Beltline affordable housing"

One of the most critical and aggressive components of the Beltline project is affordable housing. In fact, over the 25 year life of the project, the Beltline will become one of the largest sources of affordable housing in Atlanta.

Terra Montague, president and CEO of ABI, says, “We are committed to developing Beltline neighborhoods that can accommodate a full income spectrum of Atlanta’s households, from nurses and policemen to retail clerks and security guards and others. We will create an environment of households that are critical to a functioning economy and at the same time facilitate more housing choice.”

The Beltline Affordable Housing Advisory Board (BAHAB) is evaluating existing housing opportunities and is working on a draft set of recommendations. Items under review include multifamily and rental housing, equitable geographic distribution, preferences for certain types of individuals, such as the elderly, disabled and civil servants.

The Trust Fund will operate within the existing affordable housing delivery system developed by the Mayor’s Task Force on Affordable Housing which supports mixed-income housing, locating housing near job centers and sustainable (“green”) development.

You can get involved! There are opportunities over the next few months to provide input, including, the Beltline Quarterly Briefing on July 10, the Northeast Study Group – July 17 and Westside Study Group on August 25. Visit our calendar of Upcoming Events for more details.
Welcome our new BeltLine Design Director

Fred Yalcinis has joined the BeltLine team as the Director of Design. Yalcinis is an accomplished, award-winning administrator with extensive experience in planning, project management, design management, open space planning, and contract management, coordination of public participation, park maintenance planning, property development, and revenue strategies. Fred will fill a critical role in the planning, design, coordination, and management of BeltLine projects. His responsibilities include the conceptualization, prioritization and the planning/design of transportation corridors, transit systems, greenway, parks, streetscapes, signage, and public art, as well as overseeing a wide range of policy and planning studies and design competitions that support overall project implementation.

From 1997 until joining ABI, Yalcinis managed air surface restoration activities for the largest and most complicated public works project in America, commonly known as "The Big Dig" in Boston. The project involved over $3.5 billion in design and construction contracts involving over 340 acres of landscaped open space, including 46 parks, major shoreline restorations, several miles of urban streetscape (sidewalks, plazas, lighting, public facilities, etc.), 32 buildings, 24 public art projects, archaeology and historic preservation programs, and numerous contributions to the area’s roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, and water transportation systems.

The West End Trail Adds Value

The West End Trail is currently under construction, but the community is already beginning to enjoy it and is seeing the positive impact it will have on the neighborhood.

Brenda Arrington, who lives in the community and has been working with the neighborhood association for a number of years, is very pleased with the impact the trail is having on her community. She says she sees more people outside biking, walking, and running. It has given kids, families, runners, and bikers a place to get out of the house and enjoy their community. The trail has also been used as a short cut for people choosing to walk to the grocery store. Brenda recalls that the area was previously unsafe for pedestrians, as it was a four lane highway. And the new trail is attracting people from other areas of Atlanta to see it.

Trees Atlanta is continuing to plant new and different types of trees in Rose Circle Park and along the West End Trail. Arrington said that Trees Atlanta "has a lot of credibility within [her] community" in following through with proposed plans and making ideas turn into reality. She noted how important it is to educate our children about different kinds of trees and to make them available to the community for beautification and education.