



Atlanta BeltLine Environmental Justice Policy

The Atlanta Beltline is the most comprehensive revitalization effort undertaken in the the City of Atlanta and among the largest, most wide ranging urban redevelopment and mobility projects currently underway in the United States. This sustainable project is providing a network of public parks, multi-use trails and transit, by re-using 22 miles of historic railroad corridors circling downtown and connecting 45 neighborhoods directly to each other. 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 for public utilization. Through the creation of this 22 mile loop corridor ABI's objective is to protect human health and the environment by reducing the negative and disproportionate impacts of ABI's activities upon overburdened communities.

The Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) is committed to the fair treatment of people of all races, age, cultures and incomes; and that they shall all be fully considered during ABI's planning, decision-making, development and implementation of programs, policies, and activities. The intent of this policy is 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 and that they 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:

1. Identify and strategically engage the public via the Community Engagement Framework (i.e. study groups, task forces, etc) as appropriate to foster communication and collaboration prior to taking actions that have an impact on the environment, environmental laws or policies;
2. Distribute public information to educate, provide awareness, and encourage participation in the public process within the Community Engagement Framework;
3. Generate public documents and notices relating to environmental issues that may have an impact on human health, as determined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, that are concise, understandable, and readily accessible to the public;
4. Work in conjunction with federal, state, regional and local agencies including the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, other State Agencies, Fulton County, and the City of Atlanta to identify and minimize disproportionate impacts on relevant populations;

5. Provide appropriate training to staff on environmental justice issues, and conduct an internal EJ pre-project analysis and post-project internal evaluation;
6. Integrate environmental justice into all Atlanta BeltLine programs (e.g. Community Benefits, Equitable Development and the Atlanta BeltLine First Source Jobs Policy);
7. Properly document the process to demonstrate ABI's response to issues and concerns raised by the community promptly, and effectively.