Community Engagement Manager

The Atlanta BeltLine is the largest revitalization effort in the history of Atlanta, encompassing almost 20 percent of the city. It features 22 miles of light-rail streetcar transit, several crosstown streetcar transit line extensions to serve the city’s inner core, 33 miles of paved urban trails, over 1,300 acres of new parkland, 46 miles of streetscapes and intersection improvements, one of the South’s largest installations of public art, brownfield reclamation, and the creation of 5,600 affordable housing units and 30,000 jobs in the neighborhoods surrounding the underutilized and abandoned railroad corridor. In addition, ABI is committed to advancing equity and inclusion within the organization, along the corridor, and throughout all programs and projects.

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) is seeking a Community Engagement Manager who will be responsible for building awareness and engagement among Atlanta residents; communicating with the community about current Atlanta BeltLine issues; ensuring the active and meaningful participation of the community on matters related to the Atlanta BeltLine, and providing substantive information and responses to community concerns, issues, and inquiries to Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. and related partners and organizations.

The Community Engagement Manager will play a critical role in community related activities, including the implementation of the citizen engagement framework for the Atlanta BeltLine. The Community Engagement Manager will become a part of the community engagement team that has the responsibility of guaranteeing robust citizen engagement in the implementation of the Atlanta BeltLine and will promote the Vision, Mission and Core Values of ABI while fostering a collegial work environment.

**Position Responsibilities**

The position reports directly to the Vice President of Community Planning and Engagement. Successful candidates will demonstrate well-honed, experience and instincts and a track record for effective community building; experience in City Planning and an understanding of planning concepts; experience with neighborhood-based and advocacy groups; and strong negotiation and verbal and written communication skills. In addition, successful candidates will demonstrate leadership skills, a capacity for negotiation and consensus-building, and familiarity with the goals of the BeltLine project, Atlanta neighborhoods, and the NPU process. The Community Engagement Advocate will also play an important role in assuring citizen participation opportunities are well-publicized and well-attended by the community.
Position Requirements

Master’s Degree in City or Regional Planning or related field; Three to five years of increasingly responsible experience in the fields of planning, community engagement land use, zoning or development; AICP certification desired or an interchange of related education and experience; a valid Georgia driver’s license. This position will include non-traditional work hours including some night meetings and occasional weekend responsibilities.

Selection Criteria:

The ideal candidate will possess a skillset in the following areas:

1. Knowledge of the principles, practices and trends in comprehensive planning and zoning;
2. Familiarity with the City of Atlanta’s Neighborhood Planning Units (NPU’s) and other community organizations;
3. Skills in the use of the latest computer technology;
4. Familiarity with Geographic Information System (GIS), spreadsheets and databases;
5. Understanding of the impacts of institutional and systemic barriers on marginalized communities and a commitment to integrating equity and inclusion throughout all facets of your work;
6. Skills in preparing and delivering public presentations as well as written communications;
7. Skills in interpersonal, public and political relationships;
8. Experience in conducting planning and policy related research;
9. Understanding of community issues related to transportation, park and trail development, community economic development and affordable housing;
10. Excellent community/customer service skills.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to jobs@atlbeltline.org.

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Equity Note: Research suggests that women and Black, Indigenous and other persons of color are less likely than men and white job seekers to apply for positions unless they are confident they meet 100 % of the listed qualifications. We strongly encourage all interested individuals to apply, and allow us to evaluate the knowledge, skills and abilities that you demonstrate, using an intentional equity lens.