



Appendix 5

Atlanta BeltLine Master Plan

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1.0 Preface

1.1 Purpose

The Peoplestown Parks Master Plan is a long-term vision and strategy for enhancing DL Stanton and Four Corners parks in a manner that responds to community desires and capitalizes on proximity to the proposed BeltLine - a multi-decade effort to integrate parks, land use, and mobility along a 22-mile loop of historic railroads that ring Atlanta's core. The plan provides a framework for short and long-term park improvements, and suggests responses to adjacent existing and future land uses.

The Peoplestown Park Master Plan is one of several park planning efforts along the BeltLine. At completion, the BeltLine will connect the two parks to 45 of the city's neighborhoods and the more than 100,000 people that currently live within half a mile of the corridor. By improving existing parks and creating new ones, a seamless system of public open spaces will be created that establishes a high quality of life in Atlanta for centuries to come.

“There are no world class cities without world class parks.”
- Leon S. Eplan

1.2 BeltLine Planning Efforts

The Parks Master Plan has been developed concurrent with and integrated into a larger land use and transportation planning effort for BeltLine subarea 2: Heritage Communities of South Atlanta. Subarea 2 consists of the portion of the BeltLine south of Downtown Atlanta, between Hill Street and Murphy Avenue.

A key element of BeltLine area planning is creating a beneficial relationship between parks, transportation, and land use. Parks cannot be properly designed without considering access from surrounding land uses, while land uses and transportation facilities cannot achieve their highest potential without proximity to parks.



Parks can have a long-term positive impact on surrounding neighborhoods. This photo shows Brooklyn, New York's Prospect Park, which was built before the city grew around it. It continues to influence surrounding development.

As a result of these coordinated efforts, this master plan describes and plans for both internal and external factors impacting the parks. It considers surrounding existing land uses and transportation facilities, as well as potential future ones. By doing this, a parks vision is established that can meet the needs of the surrounding neighborhood both today and many years in the future.

1.3 Master Planning Process

The planning process used to develop the Peoplestown Park Master Plan involved several steps. These included a review of previous park planning efforts, an inventory and analysis of existing conditions, stakeholder and community interviews, draft concept creation and testing, and the development of final recommendations and implementation plans.

Guiding this process was a Steering Committee made up of representatives of key area organizations, as well as a Study Group made up of members of the general public. A series of meetings was held throughout the process to allow both groups review and comment opportunities.