

\$100,000 "OUR TOWN" GRANT



A concept rendering of the Reynoldstown Stage for which the Atlanta BeltLine received a \$100,000 grant.

The City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs will receive \$100,000 to advance design on the Atlanta BeltLine Reynoldstown Stage. The project to be designed with Our Town funding will combine a permanent stage structure, a landscaped exhibit space, and an elevated park connection with some of the best views in the city. It is one of 66 "Our Town" grants awarded nationally from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Reynoldstown Stage project site is located behind the Lofts at Reynoldstown Crossing on the Eastside Trail southern extension. The stage, exhibit space, and park, which will be designed and managed by Atlanta BeltLine, Inc., is adjacent to neighborhoods that are lacking in park space. The project seeks to design a community destination on a site with unique topography and cultural value. The proposal was based on a partnership with Georgia Tech professor Tristan Al-Haddad and his students.

"The Atlanta BeltLine is the most transformative project that this City has ever seen," said Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed. "A grant from the National

Endowment for the Arts shows once again that the Atlanta BeltLine is competing on a national level."

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman Jane Chu announced plans to award 66 "Our Town" grants totaling \$5.073 million and reaching 38 states.

"A national conversation is taking place around how to do community development in a way that is authentic, equitable, and builds on existing assets," said Chairman Chu. "Through Our Town funding, our participation with other federal agencies in efforts such as the White House Council on Strong Cities and Strong Communities, and other projects developed by partners like ArtPlace America, artists and arts organizations will continue to mature, refine and amaze with their work to make America a better place."

This year's Our Town projects demonstrate again that excellent art is as fundamental to a community's success as land-use, transportation, education, housing, infrastructure, and public safety, helping build stronger communities that are diverse in geography and character.

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ATLANTA BELTLINE SHOP

Atlanta BeltLine lanterns are now on sale in the shop! It's easier than ever to hold up a light for the Atlanta BeltLine, whether in the annual Lantern Parade or in your home year round. Proceeds from every lantern purchase fund Art on the Atlanta BeltLine. Shop now at shop.beltline.org!



ABOUT US

The Atlanta BeltLine is the most comprehensive transportation and economic development effort ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta and among the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment programs currently underway in the United States. The Atlanta BeltLine 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.

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ART ON THE ATLANTA BELTLINE: YEAR 5



Love seeing art along the Atlanta BeltLine? Help artists bring more art to you this fall by donating at www.bit.ly/atlantabeltlineart before September 21.

Don't get left out of the Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade, kicking off the annual Art on the Atlanta BeltLine exhibition on September 6! Last year, more than 10,000 lantern-toting participants joined the parade, marching from Irwin Street to Piedmont Park on the Eastside Trail.

This fifth year of the exhibition promises to be the biggest and best yet, with nearly 100 works of visual and performing art selected out of more than 240 applicants. Our call for submissions caught the attention of some national artists this year, along with returning favorites and new and emerging artists. Installation begins in August—expect to see murals and sculptures completed by the beginning of September. Mark your calendars to

come out for our three performance weekends to see theater, dance, concerts, and more. The dates are September 6, 7, 20 and 21, and October 18 and 19. Find the full performance schedule at art.beltline.org/schedule.

To help make year five of Art on the Atlanta BeltLine bigger and better than ever, we are calling on you! Our crowd-funding campaign has launched and is in full-swing, and you can help make the exhibition your own by donating (plus there are some really great thank-you gifts!). Perks include commemorative art t-shirts and posters, Atlanta BeltLine lanterns, and more! To make a donation and help us bring art that reflects the character of our community to the Atlanta BeltLine, visit bit.ly/atlantabeltlineart.

A special thanks goes to the organizations who have already shown their support. U.S. Micro returns as the presenting sponsor for the fifth year in a row. The Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs is also providing funding for the fifth time and additional funding comes from the Fulton County Arts Council and other private donors and sponsors.



Mausiki Scales and The Common Ground Collective return this year for parades and performances.

ATLANTA BELTLINE LOVE GOES INTERNATIONAL

In May of this year, the Atlanta BeltLine was awarded the Grand Prize for "Best Environmental Rehabilitation Project" in the world by the International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI.) During the World Conference on Building Humanity in Luxembourg, FIABCI awarded the Atlanta BeltLine the Prix d'Excellence Award for Historic Fourth Ward Park and the Eastside Trail. Officials from FIABCI toured the winning park and trail with staff from Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. The Atlanta BeltLine qualified for the international Prix d'Excellence Award by entering the FIABCI-USA Grand Prix of Real Estate, an annual property awards program that recognizes projects that best embody excellence in all real estate disciplines. FIABCI-USA is a professional real estate organization that provides information and services to help individuals, companies, and associations expand their global networks.

WESTSIDE TRAIL



JUNE 2014



FUTURE

Murphy Crossing in Adair Park shown current day and with future transit. Photo credit: Christopher T. Martin.

This summer, the Atlanta BeltLine Westside Trail project reached a major project milestone. Working with the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the City of Atlanta and a team of design and engineering consultants led by Kimley-Horn & Associates, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. met the federal deadline of June 30 to complete final design and land acquisition for the multi-use trail in southwest Atlanta. By meeting this deadline, the \$18 million TIGER V grant for the \$43 million Westside Trail, is now secure for the project's implementation. In just nine months, ABI and its partners executed a complex process of design, land acquisition, environmental clearance and other approvals by the state and federal governments that often exceeds 24 months for projects of this magnitude.

In addition to the \$18 million TIGER V grant and \$15 million of other state and local funding, the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership is leading a \$10 million private fundraising effort.

Upon completion, the 3-mile trail will run from University Avenue in Adair Park north to Lena Street at Washington Park. For a half mile along White Street, the trail will use the existing West End Trail. More design renderings from the recently completed design process are available online at www.beltline.org/westsidetrail.

TRANSIT UPDATE

Planning for transit on the Atlanta BeltLine corridor and the extension of the Downtown Atlanta Streetcar is progressing. Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) has started the technical studies that evaluate the potential impacts of the first extensions of the streetcar lines. These detailed evaluations will consider a variety of possible impacts. With the community's input, we are in the process of narrowing down the route options for three corridors: "Atlanta BeltLine East", "Atlanta BeltLine West", and "The North Ave/Luckie Street" lines. Once this initial "high level" evaluation is completed, we will formally enter into the much more detailed studies that will inform the Environmental Assessment for all three corridors.



Rendering of future trail and transit at Memorial Drive and the Eastside Trail southern extension.

To date, we've met with the study groups to discuss the process the community should expect during these technical studies. A Citywide Conversation was held in June to give the public an opportunity to review these routes on larger maps and discuss and give feedback on alignments with our technical staff.

We will consider your input as we narrow the feasible options down to a more manageable set of options to evaluate in more detail during the environmental assessment process. For an update on this transit process, please visit <http://bit.ly/1mSJWse>.

STAFF NEWS

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. is pleased to announce the following staff updates:



Gio Cosentino, GIS Specialist, conducts geospatial analysis to help support ABIs projects and initiatives.



Kim Nicholson, Procurement Officer, is responsible for the cost effective acquisition of materials and services to meet the business needs of ABI.



Anissa Morgan, Executive Assistant to the President and CEO, supports Paul Morris.

Fellowships

ABI thanks our team of summer semester Fellows:

- **Anna Averett** is the Transit & Transportation Fellow and is studying for her Master's in Environmental Design and Planning at the University of Georgia.
- **Dorian Hendricks** is the Communications Fellow and has a Master's in Marketing from Georgia State University.
- **Elizabeth Vason** is the Real Estate Fellow and is studying for her Master's in City and Regional Planning at Georgia Tech.
- **Harrison Jones** is the Law Fellow and is studying for his degree at Emory University's School of Law.
- **Philip Shippey** is the Landscape Architecture Fellow and is studying for his Master's in Landscape Architecture at the University of Georgia.
- **Quentin Holness** is the Economic Development Fellow and is studying for his Master's of Science in Economics and Policy Analysis from DePaul University.
- **Carter Coleman** is interning with the community engagement department and graduated from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO



Thanks to your patronage and support of the Atlanta BeltLine, the national and international communities have taken notice. In May, the International Real Estate Federation recognized the Eastside Trail and Historic Fourth Ward Park as the best environmental rehabilitation project in the world. In addition to trails and parks, the program was recently recognized by the White House for the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership's groundbreaking efforts in workforce collaborations. Thanks to an alliance with Grady, residents in Atlanta BeltLine neighborhoods are receiving training and job placement in healthcare positions.

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Art on the Atlanta BeltLine returns for the fifth year this fall and, for the first time ever, we are turning to all of you to help fund our artists for the 2014 exhibition. If you have not already donated, please consider doing so at www.bit.ly/atlabeltlineart. Donations are tax deductible and go directly to support the artists that bring you the art you love along the trails. Thank you as always for your continued support.

—Paul Morris

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
8/25/14	8AM-4:30PM	Organic Land Care Symposium	Atlanta Botanical Garden
9/6/14	7:30-10:30PM	Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade	Eastside Trail at Irwin Street
9/7/14	2-8PM	Art Performance Day	Catherine St and Allene Ave, 30310
9/20/14	2:45-10:30PM	Art Performance Day	680 Dallas St, 30308
9/21/14	3:30-10:30PM	Art Performance Day	Behind 904 Memorial Dr, 30316
9/27/14	9-11AM	Southeast 8k	500 Englewood Ave, 30315
9/21/14	10AM-4PM	Play Day on the Atlanta BeltLine	866 Murphy Ave, 30314
10/8/14	8:30-10AM	ABI Board of Directors Meeting	86 Pryor St, Ste. 300, 30303
10/18/14	2-9PM	Art Performance Day	Gordon White Park, 30310
10/19/14	1-9:30PM	Art Performance Day	680 Dallas St, 30308
2nd Wed.	5:30-6:30PM	Volunteer Training	250 Williams St, Suite 2115, 30303
3rd Fri.	12-1PM	Volunteer Training	250 Williams St, Suite 2115, 30303
Fri & Sat	9:15AM-12:30PM	Atlanta BeltLine Bus Tour*	Inman Park MARTA Station
Fri & Sat	10-11:30AM	Arboretum Walking Tour*	240 N. Highland Ave, 30307
Saturdays	10AM-1PM	Eastside Bicycle Tour*	151 Sampson St, 30312
Sundays	2-5PM	Westside Bicycle Tour*	1050 Ralph D. Abernathy, 30310

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

We offer an extensive roster of free fitness classes, all of which are listed on our calendar. Please register online at beltline.org/fitsignup.

* All tours require advance registration. Please visit beltline.org/tours for more information on bus, arboretum, and bicycle tours. Walking tour hours may vary in summer months.

Get to know the project with an Atlanta BeltLine 101! These monthly educational presentations throughout the city will help answer your questions. Check out beltline.org/events for a full list of sessions.

We're looking for volunteers! Visit beltline.org/volunteer for more information on ways to get involved.