The Atlanta Beltline northeastern corridor

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Location Map

Historic Sites In The Area

Ex. Footprints & Significant Sites Map

Road Network Map

Land Suitability Map
Spread throughout the southern portion of the site are numerous pedestrian trails and bike paths that help connect Fourth Ward Park with the Beltline’s central pathway. In between them are a combination of affordable mixed-use apartment buildings facing the Beltline and large expanses of open, native prairie fields and reforested woodlands. This coupled with visible bioretention ponds and a native plant palette will not only help people feel a far greater connection, but also facilitate a renewed population of native bird species and small woodland animals that will truly make this space feel distinct and come alive.

The Beltline is a massive undertaking, stretching over 22 miles around the city of Atlanta to create a fibrous network of greenways that are slowly helping its people reconnect with one another and gain a cleaner, more vibrant identity. This redesign of the northeastern portion of the Beltline will help continue its tremendous success with the theme of Urban Revitalization, both through the foregrounding of innovative storm water management practices and the reforestation of native hardwoods. These naturalistic, woody areas will help bring about a rejuvenated native bird population into the area, and permeable pavers, bioretention ponds, and rain gardens will be clearly visible to the public eye in order to teach those who experience the space about the benefits and aesthetic qualities rain water mitigation can provide.

Together these concepts give this sector of the Beltline (and Atlanta in general for that matter) a fresh, distinct feel. In addition, the site’s commercial core features several large, outdoor urban spaces that provide intrigue and enjoyment for those coming to shop or simply make their daily commute to work. Whether it be a linear sunken plaza following along the Beltline or a small open park commemorating the original field site of the Atlanta Crackers, each space presents opportunities to display engaging sculpture and other forms of public art. And lastly, to help stress and maintain the Beltline as the design’s central focus, there is a continuous stream of commercial mixed-use and apartment buildings that face it directly for the vast majority of the site.
An essential part of the Beltline’s future development will be its transit stops and rail lines. Located at the northern most proposed location on site, this design aims to provide pedestrians with an exciting, yet peaceful stopping point as they await to board an incoming train. Next to the train tracks are two large shade structures with comfortable seating for those trying to avoid the sun or rain. Located at the rear of the transit stop are a couple small passive recreation areas that provide additional and increased privacy. Thanks to a thirty foot elevation change, these areas also offer wonderful views of the sunken plaza below. To provide a more prominent entranceway from the plaza to the top of the stairs, two sunken courtyards mirror each other and channel movement in between them. The courtyards themselves offer wide seating arrangements for people to either sit or lie, as well as large sculptural art as focal features that give pedestrians something to look at as they walk by. The theme of sculpture and public art continues with another large sculpture piece as people reach the top of the stairs.