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## **Boulevard Crossing Park Design Firms Selected**

*Second phase of park planning and design to kick off summer 2019*

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) will be entering the design stage this summer for the second phase of Boulevard Crossing Park. ABI, in collaboration with the City of Atlanta, selected Cambridge-based Agency Landscape + Planning and Atlanta-based Perkins+Will to lead the planning and design of this 25-acre park on the southeast side. Park improvements will be defined as part of an engaged public process and will expand recreational opportunities, neighborhood connectivity, and ecological health for park users.

The first phase of [Boulevard Crossing Park](#) opened in 2011 with two large, multiuse activity fields across five acres. Phase two will incorporate the initial five acres into the broader, 25-acre park design. It will also link the park directly to the Southside Trail.

The Atlanta BeltLine is an ambitious transportation and economic development effort that will provide a network of public parks, multi-use trails, jobs and transit along a former 22-mile railroad corridor. The implementation of the BeltLine will be driven by equity, affordability, inclusiveness, and sustainability – honoring and protecting the unique history of the neighborhoods that it connects. 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.

“Boulevard Crossing Park has been a much-loved asset to the southeast Atlanta community since its inception in 2011,” said Clyde Higgs, President and CEO of ABI. “This next phase will build on this momentum, bringing more park space and amenities to the neighborhoods along the Atlanta BeltLine’s Southside Trail.”

Gina Ford, lead designer for Agency Landscape + Planning says, “This is an incredible opportunity to write a lasting and exciting new chapter for the evolving story of the BeltLine. We are thrilled to work with ABI, the City, and the community to imagine a place that meets today’s needs while also providing an inclusive forward-looking park for future generations.”

Valdis Zusmanis of Perkins + Will, who led previous work with ABI including the Eastside and Westside Trails says, “Boulevard Crossing Park is a major addition to the constellation of new parks that will be connected by the BeltLine. It represents a unique opportunity to re-envision this part of Atlanta in a way that will engage the surrounding community and welcome visitors alike.”

The project will kick-off its public engagement with a first meeting at Tool Bank on 410 Englewood Avenue SE, Atlanta, GA 30315 on May 23 at 6:00 p.m. Please stay tuned to [www.beltline.org/meetings](http://www.beltline.org/meetings) for more info.

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**About the Atlanta BeltLine**



Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.'s vision is to be the catalyst for making Atlanta a global beacon for equitable, inclusive, and sustainable city life. As one of the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment programs in the United States, the Atlanta BeltLine is building a more socially and economically resilient Atlanta with our partner organizations and host communities through job creation, inclusive transportation systems, affordable housing, and public spaces for all. For more information on the Atlanta BeltLine, please visit [www.BeltLine.org](http://www.BeltLine.org).

### **About Agency Landscape + Planning**

Agency Landscape + Planning is a mission-driven, women-owned practice dedicated to addressing social equity, cultural vitality, and environmental resilience through design excellence, strategic planning, and community-engagement on projects across the country. Their recent work includes the Renovation Plan for Independence Park in Charlotte, North Carolina, the Sarasota Bayfront Master Plan and Park in Sarasota, Florida, the High Line Canal Framework Plan in Denver, Colorado, and the White River Vision Plan in Indianapolis, Indiana.

### **About Perkins+Will**

Perkins+Will is an interdisciplinary, research-based architecture and design firm established in 1935. Founded on the belief that design has the power to transform lives and enhance communities, we collaborate with clients all over the world to create healthy, sustainable places in which to live, learn, work, play, and heal. More than 2,000 professionals across over 20 Perkins+Will offices include some of the brightest minds in architecture, interior design, branded environments, urban design, and landscape architecture. The recipient of hundreds of design awards each year, and a progressive leader in corporate social responsibility, Perkins+Will is consistently ranked among the world's top design firms.

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