

Proposed commercial & residential developments to be built on land *running through* Piedmont Park **CONTRADICT** the Beltline Vision

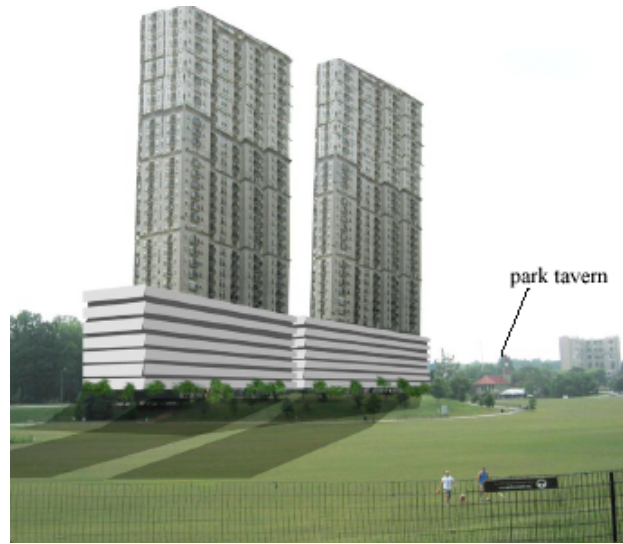


The Beltline vision: A 22 mile transit OPEN GREENWAY, with light rail, and hiking and biking trails. The Beltline is envisioned as a linear park (“an emerald necklace”) that serves as a transit and recreation loop.

The Beltline vision: Stimulate development (and transit-conducive density) in **ADJACENT, UNDERUTILIZED** areas; bring vitality to undeveloped sections of the city. The Beltline itself remains **open space**, as specified in the city’s Comprehensive Development Plan.

Beltline objectives: Support existing parks and foster the creation of new parklands along the Beltline. Connect them all together with trails and streetcars *The Beltline was meant to make parks, not break parks!*

The Beltline vision: Facilitate the construction of **transit-oriented developments**. Reduce congestion and improve air quality by enabling decreased reliance on automobiles.



The developer’s vision: Towering residential and commercial complexes built on the Beltline land that runs through Piedmont Park. **The plans for the two southeast towers show the Beltline running under the 7-8 STORY parking decks of each high-rise!**

The developers’ vision: Erect multistory complexes **ON TOP OF** (not adjacent to) the Beltline greenway, in an **already fully developed neighborhood, comprised of predominantly single family residences.**

The developers’ vision: Build large-scale mega-complexes on the land that runs through Piedmont Park. Charge big bucks for prime real estate offering unprecedented views that used to belong to all of us. Atlanta loses significant chunks of park greenspace, and hundreds of trees that line our park’s edge.

The developers’ plan for the southeast towers alone call for 1800 parking spaces for residents (2 per unit); and construction of a roadway to cut into the park through the wooded trail at the end of Cresthill Avenue. The estimated additional 17,000 car trips a day generated by these auto-oriented developments would completely overwhelm the current road system.

And...these mega-complexes can be erected in Piedmont Park with **no** guarantee that a **single trail or rail of the Beltline will ever be laid down.**

- We want the *Beltline* in Piedmont Park, *not the buildings!* Don’t let outside developers sell out the Beltline vision!
- Support the City’s CDP and keep the Beltline land open space in our parks!

Transit greenways are designed for the safe, comfortable, convenient, timely and efficient movement of pedestrian, bicycle and greenway transit vehicles. They provide tree-covered corridors and open space, separated from car and truck traffic, that guide people to community destinations, parking and transit access points.

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