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Special Service District

Westside Study Group

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The Legacy Resident Retention Program aims to mitigate displacement by helping current homeowners pay property tax increases.

Residents who live in the designated program areas along the southern and western neighborhoods of the BeltLine who meet the following criteria are eligible for relief:

- Currently living in their home
- Lived there before March 2017
- Have an annual household income below 100% of AMI

Visit beltline.org/retentionfund or call 678-718-5469
• Join the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership, the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, and the Grove Park Foundation for a free virtual workshops to help Fulton County property owners learn about the homestead exemption and how it could help lower their 2021 property tax bill.

• The 2021 Home Empowerment workshop series is sponsored by Wells Fargo, Bank of America, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

• Virtual information session(s) scheduled for
  • February 24 at 6:00 p.m.
  • March 13 at 10:00 a.m. and
  • March 24 at 6:00 p.m.

or call 678-718-5469
Poll Question #1

What neighborhood do you live in?

• Knight Park/ Howell Station
• Grove Park
• English Avenue
• Historic Westin Heights/ Bankhead
• Hunter Hills
• Washington Park
• Another BeltLine Neighborhood
• Another Neighborhood Within the City of Atlanta
• Another Neighborhood Outside the City of Atlanta
• I’m on the other side of the world
Poll Question #2

How would you rate your knowledge of the BeltLine Special Service District?

- What is a Special Service District
- I heard about it and want to learn more
- I read about it and have a strong opinion
- I know more than most
- I am a Special Service District Expert
Poll Question #3

How would you rate your knowledge of the BeltLine's full portfolio of projects?

• I'm an expert
• I know more than most people
• I don't know a lot, but I want to learn more
• I don't know anything about the BeltLine
Vision: to be the catalyst for making Atlanta a global beacon for equitable, inclusive, and sustainable city life.
WHY DO WE NEED AN SSD NOW?

• To close the funding gap
• To complete the trail loop
• To ensure equity around the loop
• To expand commercial growth
An SSD is a targeted tax district where commercial and multi-family property owners in the Atlanta BeltLine Planning Area pay slightly more in property taxes to fund the Atlanta BeltLine trail completion in order to expand and connect commercial trade activity.

An SSD would be created through legislation adopted by Atlanta City Council.
Poll Question #4

Who is online in the audience tonight? (Select the category below that best describes you)

- Commercial property owner
- Multi-family property owner
- Commercial building tenant
  - Multi-family/ Apartment building tenant
- Single-family homeowner
- Single-family home renter
- I am a concerned citizen
- I am a Community Advocate
- Another Stakeholder Not Listed Here
Poll Question #5

Are you inside of the Atlanta BeltLine Planning Area?

• Yes
• No
• I don’t know
The goal of the SSD is to produce $100 million to construct the 22-mile mainline trail loop.
Who is in the district:
Commercial and multi-family property owners located within the Atlanta BeltLine Planning Area (~5,000 parcels)
At ~2 mills, almost half of all SSD parcels would pay less than $250 annually.

Top 3% pay about 2/3 of annual revenue generated.
IMPACT ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES IN THE WESTSIDE STUDY GROUP (2020 VALUES):

- 95% of commercial parcels would pay less than $1000 per year.
- 88% of commercial parcels would pay less than $500 per year.
- Assessment would be on property owners’ 2021 tax bills in fall 2021. If applicable, true-ups with tenants expected in 1Q 2022.
Real life example: Child care center

Appraised value: $0.3 million

Assessed value: $121,000

Annual SSD investment @ 2 mills: $243
Real life example:
72-unit apartment complex

Appraised value:
$3.8 million

Assessed value:
$1.5 million

Annual SSD investment @ 2 mills:
$3,007
SSD funding and the completion of the 22-mile loop of trails by 2030 will leverage these benefits:

- **50,000 jobs created** near the Atlanta BeltLine, approximately 20,000 more than originally projected.
- **$7 million** in additional support for small businesses.
- **Up to $150 million** in construction funding targeted to minority-owned contractors.

Once completed, the Atlanta BeltLine is expected to deliver a total impact of **$10 billion for Atlanta** and its residents, serving as a national and international model of excellence in equitable economic development.
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- **$50 Million** in additional Affordable Housing funding unlocked from the BeltLine Tax Allocation District (TAD) that will ensure that the BeltLine reaches its goal of 5,600 units of affordable housing by 2030.

- **$12.5 Million** Community Retention Fund to help keep legacy residents in their homes and alleviate increasing property tax burdens.

- **$350 Million** for trail completion. $100 million from SSD unlocks $250 million from philanthropy, BeltLine TAD, and other sources.
Phone Attendees
• Press *9 on telephone keypad to “raise your hand” during the Q&A to indicate you want to speak. Facilitator will unmute your mic.

Online Attendees:
• Submit a question or comment any time in Q&A box.
• The “raise your hand” feature is available to all Zoom participants however we are prioritizing phone attendees.

Facebook Live Attendees:
• Please feel free to participate in the “Comments Section.” Someone on our staff will make sure I see your questions.
Poll Question #6

How would you rank your knowledge of the Special Service District?

- I still don’t know what it is
- I’ve learned some things tonight and still have questions
- I got the answers I was seeking and I know more
- I am comfortable enough with my knowledge of the Special Service District to share with my neighbor
Poll Question #7

Was this meeting helpful?

- Yes
- No
ATLANTA BELTLINE ENGAGEMENT

- Gather feedback from this and other public meetings
- Email engage@atlbeltline.org (or finishtheloop@atlbeltline.org?)

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

- Proposed legislation is reviewed by Atlanta City Council committees
- Full Council votes on legislation in mid-March
- Fulton County Tax Assessor processes SSD; it would first appear on fall 2021 tax bills
UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

First Quarterly Briefing of 2021
• February 18th at 6 p.m.

Special Service District
Building the BeltLine for ALL
• Westside Study Group on February 15th at 6 p.m.
• Southwest Study Group on February 16th at 6 p.m.
• Northeast Study Group on February 23rd at 6 p.m.
• Northside Study Group on March 1st at 6 p.m.
• Southeast Study Group on March 4th at 6 p.m.