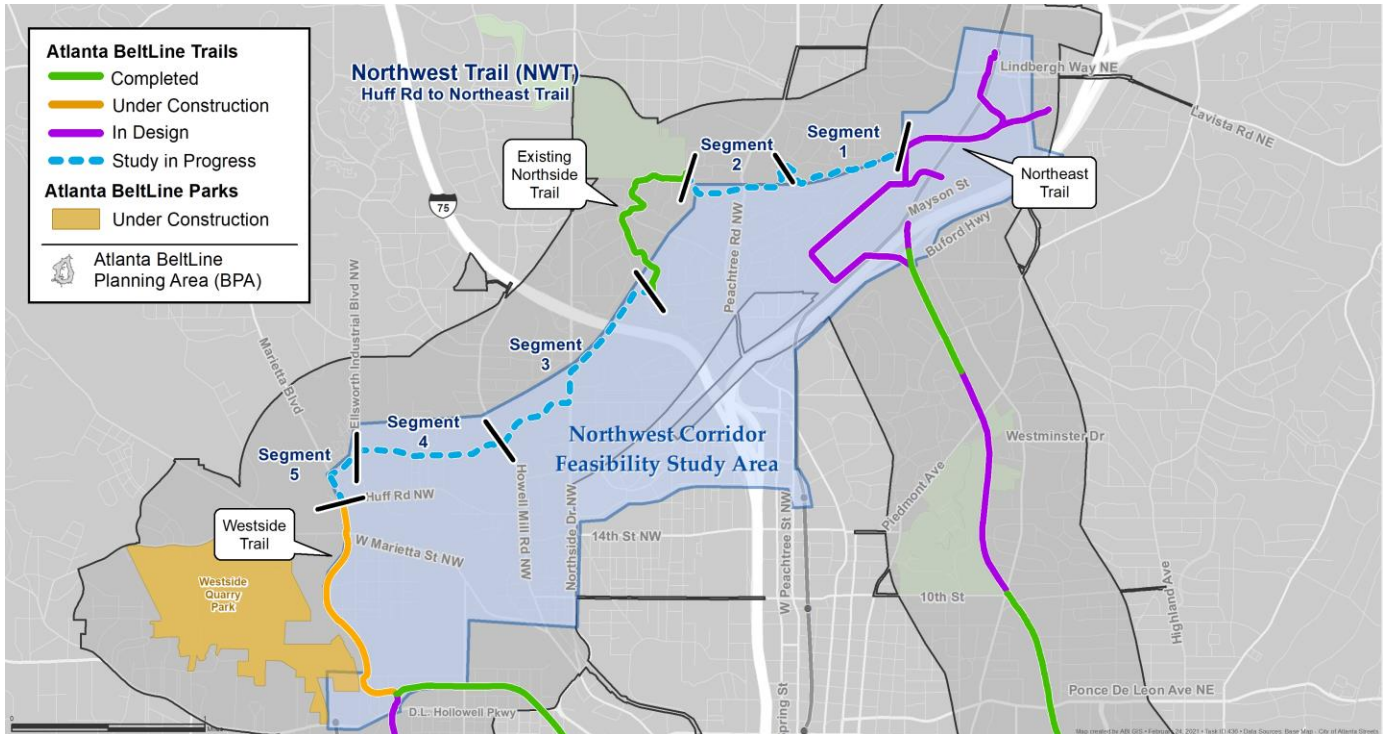




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## Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. and PATH Foundation to Collaborate on Northwest Trail

*Collaboration will expedite delivery of planning, design, and construction*



Atlanta – The Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI) and the PATH Foundation teams will work together to deliver the Northwest Trail on an expedited schedule. As a result, ABI has cancelled the [Request for Statements of Qualifications for the Northwest Trail Feasibility Study](#) and PATH will manage the procurement for this study. PATH will fund the planning study utilizing their budget, which preserves ABI’s study budget for use on design or construction in this segment as part of the \$350 million Special Service District (SSD) funding.

The 4.4-mile Northwest Trail will run from Huff Road on the westside to the Northeast Trail at Peachtree Creek in southern Buckhead. The development of the northwest corridor is critical to ABI’s goal of closing the 22-mile loop and building on Atlanta’s regional trail network. PATH’s ability to quickly start the planning study is expected to significantly shorten the schedule for this phase of work.

ABI and PATH have a long history of successfully collaborating on Atlanta BeltLine Trails. In 2008 and 2010, PATH Foundation built the West End Trail; in 2012, PATH built the Northside Trail through Tanyard Creek Park and partially funded and managed the construction of the Eastside Trail; and in 2013, opened the Southwest BeltLine Connector Trail. Following the recent success in delivering PATH’s BeltLine Westside Connector Trail and embarking on construction of ABI’s Westside Trail Segment 3 (along Marietta Boulevard to Huff Road), the two organizations have developed a model that leverages the different strengths of both companies. The northwest corridor will



connect current and future trails built by both organizations: the Atlanta BeltLine's Northside Trail, Northeast Trail, and Westside Trail and PATH Foundation's Silver Comet Trail, PATH 400, Northwest BeltLine Connector, and Westside BeltLine Connector.

ABI will continue to lead all community engagement activities, alongside PATH. PATH is committed to ABI's goals to hire Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). PATH will maintain established BeltLine design standards and will continue to work closely with ABI's in-house engineering, landscape architecture, and real estate teams.

ABI anticipates releasing a separate Request for Qualifications this spring to commission a feasibility study for transit, to be funded by a federal grant. The selected consultants will work together seamlessly to define both trail and transit alignments.

ABI will post additional information about the northwest corridor as it becomes available and all public meetings on the topic will be posted on [www.beltline.org/meetings](http://www.beltline.org/meetings).

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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 PATH**

Since 1991, PATH has been turning neglected greenspace and abandoned railroad corridors into beautiful greenways. Thanks to generous local supporters, PATH trails link neighborhoods to commercial centers and provide alternative modes of transportation for all abilities, ages, income levels, and races. By creating linear greenways, PATH trails help communities improve and thrive by providing equitable access to educational, recreational, and employment opportunities, please visit [www.pathfoundation.org](http://www.pathfoundation.org).

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