# Sustainable Development for Whom? The Case of the Atlanta Beltline 

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## The Green Turn....

- adaptive reuse; rails-to-trails
- active living
- live, play, work
- biking, walking, living, shopping
- transit?


## Examples...

- NYC...the High Line
- Chicago....the 606 Trail
- Atlanta...the Beltline
- Next up: the LA River


From: Atlanta Beltline, Inc. www.beltline.org

## The Beltine Tax Allocation District



## Cumulative expected change in home value due to being within half-mile of Beltline segments, 2011 to 2015






## The magnifying effect of property tax structures on value increases

|  | 2011 | 2015 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Fair Market Value | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 158,800$ |
| Assessment ratio | $40 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Assessed Value | $\$ 40,000$ | $\$ 63,520$ |
| less homestead exemption $(\$ 30,000)$ | $(\$ 30,000)$ | $(\$ 30,000)$ |
| Taxed Amount | $\$ 10,000$ | $\$ 33,520$ |
| tax (millage) rate, all units of govt | 0.0430 | 0.0430 |
| Estimated Annual Tax bill | $\$ 430$ | $\$ 1,441$ |

