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RE: Ashby Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) 2025 Application - Letter of Support

Dear Mrs. Blaszyk,

Atlanta's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is pleased to support the Department of City Planning's (DCP) application for the Ashby Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Plan. We are excited for the opportunity to reimagine the relationship between the MARTA station and nearby public spaces, including Charles L. Harper Memorial Park.

In late-2021, the City of Atlanta adopted the Activate ATL Comprehensive Parks Plan, which lays the framework to invest, connect, and grow Atlanta's parks and recreation system and service. DPR is leading the work to implement this plan through preparing community-based park concepts, park improvement plans, and park programs. A critical goal in Activate ATL is to reimagine our public spaces to best meet the needs of the local community — the Ashby LCI is in complete alignment with our work.

We intend to be an active partner in this study and work closely with DCP to reach community members. Through this planning process, the public spaces near the Ashby MARTA station will better meet the needs and opportunities of transit users and the surrounding community.

Atlanta DPR is a committed partner to this LCI. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at jcutler@atlantaga.gov.

Regards,

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