



GROUND BREAKING

- *Influenced by Plan Baton Rouge II, the Downtown Greenway is a 2.75 mile pedestrian and bicycling corridor that links inner city neighborhoods and expanded DDD boundaries to downtown parks, businesses, and cultural attractions utilizing the existing BREC parks, interstate infrastructure, and public right-of-ways.*
- *Parks and Greenspaces connected by the Downtown Greenway:*
 - LSU Lakes
 - BREC City/Brooks Park
 - BREC Expressway Park
 - North Boulevard Town Square
 - BREC Convention Street Park
 - Capitol Lakes
 - BREC 7th Street Park
 - BREC Memorial Stadium
 - Arsenal Park
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 - Florida Street Riverfront Access
 - Mississippi River Levee Trail
 - South Blvd. Levee Trailhead
- *Features a separated 10' urban bicycle path and 5' pedestrian garden path, median crossings, specialty pavement, curb ramps, seating areas, lighting, sculpture, water fountains, bicycle racks, and lush landscaping.*
- *An economic stimulant, intending to spur new investments and redevelopment in the city's core, as well as strengthen workforce opportunities by providing an alternative transportation source.*
- *Connects to the Mississippi River Levee Trail at the recently completed Florida Riverfront Access Point at the intersection of Florida Street and River Road.*
- *Feasibility Study completed in 2010 by ABMB Engineers, Inc.*
- *Schematic design completed in 2012 by Spackman, Mossop, & Michaels + Tipton Associates through the EPA's Greening America's Capitals Program.*
- *Final design and construction plans funded through a grant provided by the Capital Area Finance Authority and completed in 2016 by Design Workshop and sub-consultants; Reich Associates, Fenstermaker, Forte & Tablada, Walter Kulash, and Chris Davala. Construction was awarded to Rotolo Consultants, Inc.*
- *Owned and operated by the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge in conjunction with the Recreation & Parks Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) where the Downtown Greenway enters into BREC park areas.*
- *Construction completed at Expressway Park in the spring of 2015 with a partnership between the Downtown Development District/City-Parish of East Baton Rouge & BREC. Construction has also been completed in 2015 along Myrtle Street, connecting the Lincoln Theatre to the Downtown Greenway at Expressway Park, in a partnership with the East Baton Rouge Parish Redevelopment Authority.*
- *Approximately \$3 million in grant funding acquired through the local, state, and federal sources listed below:*
 - 2011 FHWA Louisiana Recreational Trails Program (\$220,000 - Expressway Park)
 - 2011 FHWA Louisiana Recreational Trails Program (\$118,000 - Myrtle Street Connector)
 - 2011 DOTD Transportation Enhancement Program (\$1 Million - T.J Jemison & East Blvd.)
 - 2012 DOTD Transportation Community & System Preservation (\$1.5 Million - North Boulevard Promenade)
 - 2012 FHWA Louisiana Recreational Trails Program (\$125,000 - Phase One)
 - 2012 Capital Area Finance Authority (\$250,000 - Planning & Construction Documents)
 - 2012 EPA's Greening America's Capitals Program (Technical, Schematic Design Assistance)