



From Brown Field to Park Space, the Rebirth of D.H. Stanton Park



[D.H. Stanton Park](#), south of Turner Field in the Peoplestown neighborhood, has been transformed into a showpiece of Atlanta's park system. A former landfill, the park is now expanded to 7 1/2 acres, and boasts new amenities for all to enjoy. On their way to the new splashpad and baseball field, park

goers can't help but notice the canopy of solar panels or photovoltaic array, designed to make the park cost-neutral. Long-term the park will become part of the [Atlanta BeltLine](#), the planned 22-mile necklace of parks, trails and transit around the city. The park's grand opening on May 14, 2011, was attended by Dolores Norman, now a college student, who was badly burned by the methane gas seeping up from the ground while playing in the park when she was eight years old. The park's \$4.5 million transformation was made possible through a contribution from the [Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation](#), [the City of Atlanta Park Improvement Bonds](#), [the Atlanta BeltLine TAD](#), and a donation from the [Atlanta BeltLine Partnership Capital Campaign](#), which was used to purchase three parcels of land to create another entrance on the park's east side.

Good Sports Next Round of Equipment Donations - Deadline June 15, 2011



In Partnership with the [Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation](#), [Good Sports](#) will be donating athletic equipment to Georgia organizations serving low-income children. Grants will be made in the form of equipment, not cash. Equipment donations are intended to broaden participation in a physical activity,

not to support top athletes. Grants will be awarded through a competitive process. A list of donations provided through our second round of awards is available [here](#). Please visit the Good Sports web site and follow directions for applying. All applications must be submitted directly to Good Sports, using the online system provided. Completed [applications](#) are due June 15, 2011. Equipment donations should be delivered in early fall 2011.

SHAPE Program goes Statewide to Fight Childhood Obesity



It's a fact, Georgia has one of the worst rates of childhood obesity in the nation. Take note, we are working to get in shape. On May 9, 2011, [Governor Nathan Deal announced The SHAPE partnership](#), an innovative approach to getting Georgia kids fit and on a path to healthy living. [SHAPE](#) allows students to

measure their own progress in physical fitness, and it puts the power of competition into effect as schools jockey for recognition and equipment grants through the Governor's Fitness Honor Roll. The program will use the [Fitnessgram](#), an internationally recognized assessment designed by [Dr. Ken Cooper](#) that measures strength, flexibility, and endurance of students in P.E. classes. Reports place kids in the "healthy fitness zone" or "needs improvement" on each test. [SHAPE is a partnership](#) of Gov. Deal, the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, the Georgia Department of Education, the Department of Community Health and the Division of Public Health, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, the Atlanta Falcons and the Atlanta Braves. "We know that what's good for the body is great for the brain," said Penny McPhee, president of the Blank foundation. "When kids are active for 60 minutes each day, great things happen at school. Regular exercise is like fertilizer for the brain."

From the Field

[U.S. Secretary of Education announces \\$500 million for Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge.](#)



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