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## Images: In West Midtown, vision emerges for multifaceted urban park

Meet the Star Metals Urban Park—a planned pickleball, beer garden, and dog park paradise

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Renderings and details have emerged for what designers are calling Atlanta's most innovative urban park.

According to Miami-based Royal Byckovas Architecture and Design, or R&B, a concept called the [Star Metals Urban Park](#) is in the pipeline for what's currently a row of low-rise buildings between Northside Drive and Howell Mill Road.

Plans for the 690 11th Street park site call for repurposing the structural framework of an existing 20,000-square-foot, single-story building immediately west of another project by the same developer, The Allen Morris Company's Stella at Star Metals.

That 21-story, 327-unit [apartment project](#) is rising as the Star Metals District's next component now.



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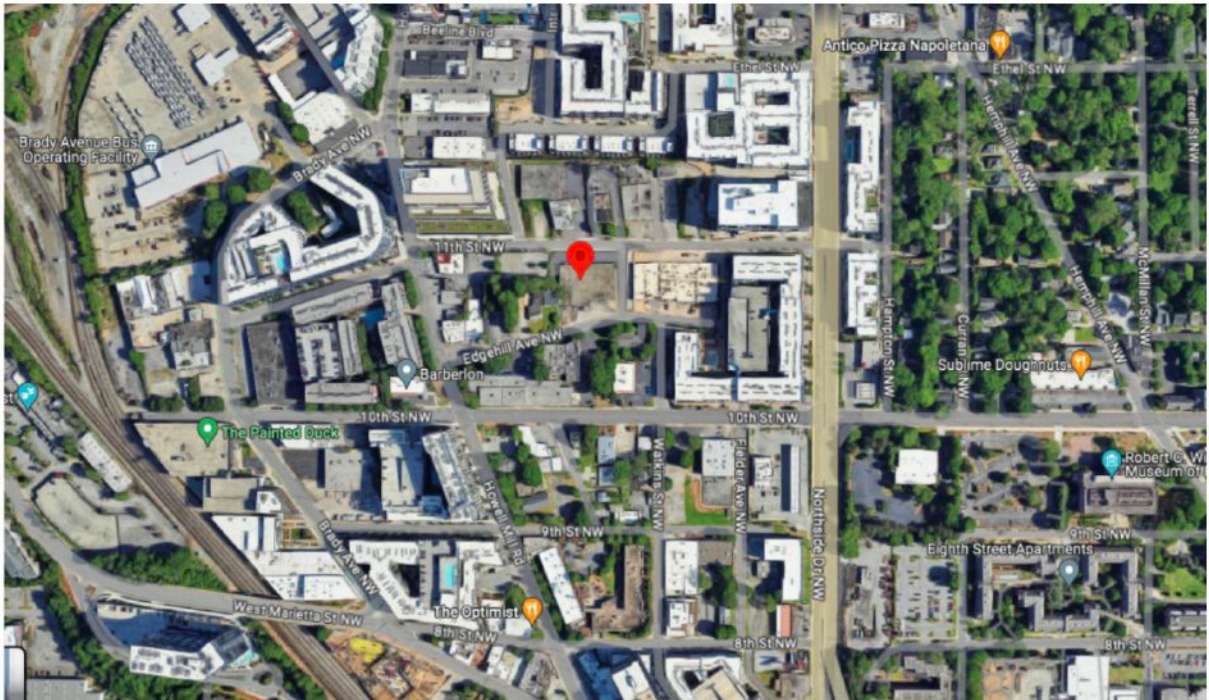


The urban park site plan located immediately west of the rising Stella at Star Metals tower.

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According to R&B, the 40,000-square-foot Star Metals Urban Park will strive to be an immersive hangout that incorporates sports (read: pickleball), nature, gastronomy, general community, and cynophiles (fancy speak for dog lovers) in West Midtown, a quickly growing section of Atlanta that's relatively starved for park space. It will also aim to nod to the area's industrial past.

Parts of existing buildings including concrete walls and roof support structures will be retained as a trellis system that allows vines and native plants to flourish. Expect a large dog park beneath the hanging gardens, and three pickleball courts on what's described as the sloped site's upper terrace, per the architects.



The park proposal's 690 11th Street location, as shown prior to construction on the 21-story Stella at Star Metals tower next door, to the right.

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A new streetscape will be designed to link to the rising apartment tower. Other sections call for a beer garden, plus a café, small offices, and food concepts in converted shipping containers.

The park project's budget is listed as \$1.5 million, but no timeline for implementation is specified. Find more context and a closer first look in the gallery above.

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