



Future of Our Block

Year One: Learning Together

Earlier this year in March, we began a conversation at All Saints' about the future of our block. It is clear that the work that we will do to our buildings and grounds, whatever that will be, will represent a legacy project that we and future generations of saints will enjoy and make an impactful use of in the life of this city. Given its significance, we decided to begin that important work by learning together. Through the course of this year, the Future of Our Block Steering Committee will share all that it is learning with the wider parish via various communications and forums in Ellis Hall as we gain a clearer view of the changes taking place around this block in Midtown and beyond.

Since the start of the year when we had learned from Midtown Alliance and Cousins Properties, the committee has now met with representatives from Georgia Tech,

and Emory University Hospital Midtown, insights that are detailed in this second session's handout. Later this year, we will meet with churches and organizations here in metro-Atlanta and from around the country. We will share what we learn through these meetings and ongoing discussions on Sundays September 29 and November 24.

All that we learn has a home on a specially created website, futureofourblock.org, where you will be able to see the handouts, presentation slides, and audio recordings from the beginning of the process to date. There is a great deal to be excited about in this work, and we look forward to furthering the conversation next year when we will turn our attention from learning together about what lies beyond North Avenue and West Peachtree, to what we might imagine for the future of our own block as a church community proud to call this city home. ✝





What are our institutional neighbors imagining for Midtown?

As we discussed during our first session together, Midtown has become one of America's most vibrant residential and commercial neighborhoods, attracting people and companies from around the world to live and work here. Over the past few months, we've met with two of Midtown's largest institutions, Georgia Tech and Emory University Hospital Midtown, to learn about their plans for the future in Midtown. We heard two themes that are most relevant to our own process of discernment as we imagine the future: innovation and collaboration.

Innovation

Both Georgia Tech and Emory University Midtown Hospital have a strong focus on innovation. Nearly 20 years ago, Georgia Tech had a vision to effectively connect the university to the Midtown community through a development now called Technology Square. The district, just north of us in Midtown, has evolved to combine research, business, and education such that innovative enterprises, from small business start-ups to large international corporations, have planted and blossomed in our immediate neighborhood increasingly year by year. Similarly, Emory University Hospital Midtown is making strides in caring for patients from all over the country in the heart of our neighborhood. The newly opened Proton Therapy Center provides advanced radiation technologies for cancer patients and Emory will soon begin construction on the Winship Cancer Institute Tower to offer a full range of outpatient cancer services that will make it one of the leading cancer care facilities of its type in the country.

Emory University Midtown Hospital:

4,000 employees

529 beds

279,000 patients
served per year

(Courtesy of Emory University Midtown Hospital)



Collaboration

The other key theme that we learned from Georgia Tech and Emory University Midtown Hospital is how each value the importance of collaboration and partnership. Technology Square has created a place for the community, the university, and businesses to share space and work together creatively and effectively. The most prominent example is CODA, a mixed-use building for university researchers, students, and companies to work side by side in a space that is intentionally built for collaboration and relationship-building. Both the inside and outside of the building were designed for small and large groups to gather to share space and ideas. Emory University Midtown Hospital is also focusing heavily on collaboration with the community around them. Most recently, they've worked with Central Atlanta Progress to design a new parking structure. The new structure is designed artfully to look more like a building and to provide safe and convenient parking for employees who drive into Midtown from all over the metro area.

Technology Square Summary Level Stats from 2003 to 2020 (projected):

510,000 sq. ft. academic space

2,300,000 sq. ft. office space

2,787 residential units

560 hotel rooms

12,905 parking spaces

Estimated investment: \$1.9 billion

Estimated jobs (ongoing): 15,916
(and 13,205 construction – one time)

11 to 1 multiplier of total
to academic investment

(Courtesy of Georgia Tech)



From learning from these neighbors and others so far, it's clear that innovation and collaboration will be important principles to guide us in imagining how our own mission and ministries might manifest on our block to draw us into closer relationship with one another and the community evolving around us.



Lend Your Voice

The future of our block is work that we are committed to envision together as one parish. We invite and encourage you to lend your voice to this endeavor to leave a lasting legacy for the future of our parish. In this first year of learning together, if you have a connection or contact in Midtown or beyond that you think we should learn from, please let us know by visiting futureofourblock.org or by emailing Pat Kiley, Assistant to the Rector, at patkiley@allsaintsatlanta.org. We look forward to continuing to learn together this year.

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