



GROUND BREAKS ON MILITARY PARK PROJECT

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Ground on the Military Park improvement project was officially broken today, it aims to make the park to Newark what Bryant Park is to New York.

The project is the latest improvement to the city's downtown area. Dan Biedereman, head of the Military Park Partnership, was the mastermind behind New York's Bryant Park. He says he hopes Newark will enjoy the same payoff from this park rehab.

"If you look at the amount of money the city of New York put in which was about 4 and a half million dollars in 1989, and look at the hundreds of millions of dollars they've generated in increased real estate tax payments from buildings that suddenly became more valuable that's something that on a smaller scale we hope would happen in Newark from Military park."

When the work is done, the park will include new lighting, moveable seating, and food kiosks. It will play host to arts, music, and sporting events. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the fall.

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