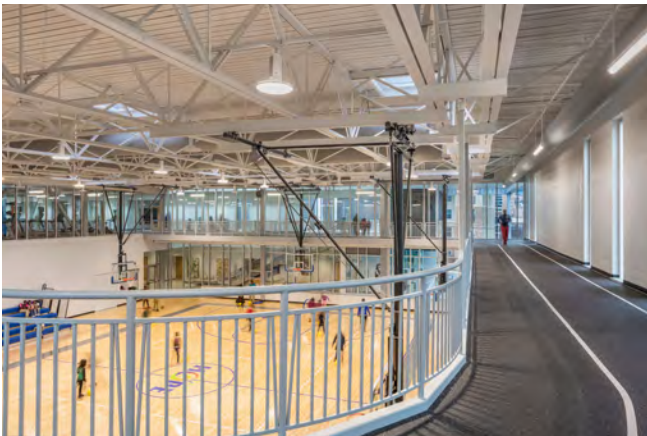


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Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation and Aquatic Center



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The Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation and Aquatic Center (RAC) was constructed in 2017 in place of the previous Martin Luther King, Jr. Natatorium. Strategically built between the King Memorial MARTA station, the Atlanta Streetcar, and the Edgewood Avenue corridor, the MLK, Jr. RAC provides the community with access to a high-quality facility. The center completes a vibrant recreational campus with tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts, a playground for children, bocce ball courts, and open greenspace.

The 64,000 square foot LEED Silver Certified state-of-the-art recreation center features the City of Atlanta's first zero-entry indoor pool with a family leisure zone and four 25-yard lap lanes. Other amenities include an indoor climbing wall, outdoor roof terrace, multi-purpose meeting rooms, a senior center, a computer lab and classroom, a multi-purpose fitness room, an indoor track, and a gymnasium. Throughout the recreation center, there are a number of inspirational quotes and never before seen pictures of Dr. King and his family that were provided by the King family.

This partnership between the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation and the Renew Atlanta/TSPLOST program is one of Renew Atlanta's biggest projects to date with \$17 million contributed.

This facility serves as a vibrant public gathering space for the local community and City of Atlanta residents and is meant to be a place where individuals can visit and feel a sense of pride and connection.

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