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Atlanta Motorsports Park to become "the only green motorsports park in the world"

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Over the last few years, racing organizations have seemingly become increasingly aware that their activities don't quite fit into the environmentally friendly category. Proof can be seen by the use of [ethanol fuel by the IndyCar Series](#) and the controversial [KERS systems](#) employed by various Formula 1 teams at the highest level of racing. Now, it seems that the race tracks themselves are taking note of their eco-credentials, as Atlanta Motorsports Park's upcoming track design can attest.

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The actual design for the track itself is being done by world-renowned firm Tilke Engineers & Architects, which has worked on various F1 tracks around the world. The grand opening is scheduled for July 30th, after which it will be occupied at various times by karts, motorcycles and automobiles. AMP also promises to "invest in alternative energy vehicles, such as those that run on natural gas." Click past the break for the full press release.

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Press Release:

AMP Hires Tilke Architects to Redesign Driving Course

Atlanta Motorsports Park (AMP) is proud to announce the engagement of Tilke Architects to redesign the planned driving course for AMP. Tilke Engineers & Architects are the famed Formula One Track designers and are responsible for nearly every modern-era Formula One track designed in the last ten years, including the circuits at Bahrain, Sepang, and Malaysia. CEO of Atlanta Motorsports Park, Jeremy Porter, says,

"By partnering with the foremost track designer for F1, Atlanta Motorsports Park has taken further steps to ensure we will stand out as North America's premier facility for motorsports enthusiasts who are seeking an elite facility with a country-club lifestyle. Our members have expressed profound excitement regarding the announcement of Tilke Architects participation in this world-class project."

Atlanta Motorsports Park is a private country club for fast/exotic/muscle cars, karts and bikes that will offer a membership for serious motor sports enthusiasts looking for executive level privileges and amenities. We have spared no expense designing our first class driving course while we have also achieved our goal to have park facilities commensurate with this same level of excellence. Concentrated at the center of our extreme racing environment is fun but at the front of our mind is everyone's safety. Atlanta Motorsports Park values safety first and we have a zero tolerance policy for unsafe driving and unsafe vehicles.

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Tilke Engineers & Architects, originally established in 1983, are recognized as the world leading designers for racetrack and test facilities. Tilke aims to design individual and state-of-the-art race tracks including pit buildings, team buildings and other infrastructure facilities by fulfilling their client's needs and the permanently changing requirements on track-layout and safety. A unique balance between these requirements, an enormous engineering experience and competence as well as Hermann Tilke's individual racing career, makes the company a reliable and most valuable planning partner in the field of track design. In order to supervise and complete the above mentioned projects professionally, the company provides a large interdisciplinary skilled team of more than 250 engineers and architects with offices in Germany, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Mexico, Kazakhstan, India and Azerbaijan. Tilke's services include civil engineering, architecture as well as electromechanical engineering and electronic engineering from the first initial concept to detailed design, construction supervision and project management.

A "Green" Motorsports Park:

Atlanta Motorsports Park will utilize the latest technology and most environmentally responsible practices throughout the Park's construction, and during its operation.

During development, Atlanta Motorsports Park commits to:

- LEED certification of all applicable buildings*
- Regionally extracted, processed & manufactured materials, including certified wood*
- High albedo roofing to reduce heat absorption and minimize AC demand*
- Pre- and post-construction indoor air quality management*
- Solar powered fans for interior air movement*
- Energy saving appliances, outlets, and smart switch technologies*

- *Maximizing open space to include conservation areas*
- *A reclaimed water system that captures rainwater to irrigate landscaping and flush toilets*
- *Waterless urinals wherever possible throughout the Park*
- *Working towards diverting 50% of construction waste from landfills through recycling*
- *A storm water management system that reduces environmental impacts*

During operation, Atlanta Motorsports Park commits to:

- *Collection of recyclables - all paper, glass, aluminum, and motor oil from members' residences and clubhouse*
- *Use products throughout the Park that contain post-consumer and pre-consumer recycled content*
- *Invest in alternative energy vehicles, such as those that run on natural gas*
- *Online membership registration and paperless statements to reduce waste*

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