

## LEVITT PAVILION

**ARLINGTON, TEXAS** 

## **GREAT PUBLIC SPACE DESIGNEE—2019**

Levitt Pavilion Arlington is the "crown jewel" of revitalization efforts in the city's downtown. In addition to attracting record-breaking crowds every year, Levitt Arlington has helped transform a once dormant area of downtown into a thriving citywide destination.

The story of Levitt Arlington begins with an inactive downtown in desperate need of revitalization. Despite having a population of over 350,000 residents, Arlington had always been a bedroom community serving nearby Dallas and Fort Worth. Locals often headed to these cities for their dining, arts and cultural experiences. Eager to revive its downtown core, city leaders and engaged citizens came together with the national Levitt organization to bring the Levitt program to Arlington. Since Levitt Arlington's opening, nearly a dozen restaurants have opened in the vicinity, with more on the way. Levitt Arlington has also served as a catalyst for major investment from the University of Texas at Arlington, which shifted its \$300 million expansion into the downtown area with new residences, shops, restaurants, parking and an indoor performance venue.

The Levitt Foundation supports the only national network of nonprofit outdoor venues presenting free concert series. In part to the Levitt, the City of Arlington is further creating a sense of place by implementing Downtown projects according to the recently adopted Downtown Master Plan. This includes improvements to streets, sidewalks, lighting, drainage, and on-street parking.

The current growth and success of Downtown Arlington would not have been made possible without the social, physical, and economic impact of the Levitt Pavilion.







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