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At the dedication of Adelia Park were (from left): Doyle Rippee, Land Trust for Tennessee chairman; Mark Brown, Belmont Mansion executive director; Ray Hensler, Corner Realty Partners president; and Nashville Mayor Karl Dean.

Adelia Park blooms with New York-esque exclusivity

In Manhattan, tucked between Third and Park avenues and taking up less than a full block, is Gramercy Park, a small, private park enveloped by an iron-wrought fence.

A key belonging only to residents of the surrounding buildings keeps the park's history and beauty locked in and the influence of time and wear out. It's one of the city's gems kept pristine since its creation in 1831. And ever since, Gramercy Park has been immortalized by yearly Christmas carolers, immaculate landscaping and in movies and song titles.

Now, Nashville is joining the ranks of New York and London — a handful of leading municipalities — to boast a private urban park.

Mayor Karl Dean and the Land Trust for Tennessee recently hosted a ribbon-cutting to dedicate Adelia Park as the first urban property in the state to be protected under the Trust from future development.

Adelia Park, which was developed by Corner Realty Partners at Division Street and 20th Avenue South, is a \$3 million, half-acre private park for the residents of The Adelia, an 18-story condominium development. The park features a landscaped lawn, gardens, courtyards, a reflecting pool and a six-foot bronze statue of Adelia Hayes, a Civil War-era Nashville cultural and business leader who lived adjacent to the park's location.

The first of several fund-raisers to be held at Adelia Park is "Moonlight and Ice — An Evening with Vince Gill," which will benefit the Belmont Mansion's restoration of Adelia Hayes' bedroom.

The event, to be held Sept. 15, will include an intimate, acoustic performance by Gill, complemented by light hors d'oeuvres and wine. Tickets, \$125 each, will go on sale Aug. 15 at the Belmont Mansion and Davis-Kidd Booksellers.

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Mayor Karl Dean said a few words at the recent dedication of Adelia Park.