



## Citizen Advisory Group Meeting #2

Police and Fire Training Academy  
1770 Shopton Road  
September 3, 2009

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*Meeting Purpose: Present draft vision statement and background information on the natural environment.*

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

(5 minutes)

Housekeeping Items  
Meeting Materials

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**2. Draft Vision Statement**

(15 minutes)

**3. Natural Environment Background Information**

(30 minutes)

Opportunities and Constraints  
General Development Policies  
Natural Features  
Catawba River History  
Preserves and Greenways

Rusty Rozzelle, *Water Quality*

Gwen Cook, *Mecklenburg County Park and Rec.*

**4. Natural Environment Policies and Regulations**

(10 minutes each)

Tree Canopy  
SWIM Buffers and Watershed Regulations  
Post Construction Controls Ordinance

Tom Johnson, *Urban Forestry*

John McCulloch, *Water Quality*

Mike MacIntyre, *Stormwater Services*

**5. Questions and Answers**

(10 minutes)

**6. Wrap-up and Next Steps**

(5 minutes)

Next Advisory Group Meeting – September 17, 2009  
– Continuation of Natural Environment Discussion

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Information about the plan will be posted at [www.charlotteplanning.org](http://www.charlotteplanning.org) throughout the planning process.

# Visioning

## Vision Guidelines

*Vision* - A community based strategic planning effort in which citizens and staff work together to identify the kind of community that people who live, work, play, and do business in the Steele Creek area would like to see it become over the next 20 to 30 years. It's simply an image of what the area could be like in the future (in a positive light). It focuses on what is possible. This vision will help establish future direction and what will happen over many years. It will also be used to set priorities for capital projects, direct city services, and guide decisions impacting the community.

- Vision can be a statement or list of characteristics.
- Vision can be creative but should be grounded in reality.
- Vision needs to be achievable.

## Visioning Considerations

1. Considers opportunities and constraints identified by public.
2. Broad description of kind of community people who live, work and play in the area would like to see over the next 20 or 30 years.
3. Reflects the rich history, heritage, and environmental features *of the* Steele Creek area.
4. Addresses long range issues to help shape and direct plan goals while embracing Charlotte's broader community wide policies.
5. Guides community design.

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## Draft Vision Statements

### **Option 1**

*The vision for the Steele Creek area is to create a unique and sustainable community that is a great place to live, work, and recreate, while preserving the community's character by incorporating natural and historic features into new development. The community will implement this vision through the following actions:*

*Protecting the Catawba River, McDowell Nature Preserve, natural features, and historic places;*

*Providing a balanced mixture of land uses with enhanced public facilities;*

*Developing a safe, accessible and efficient transportation system for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists;*

*Encouraging community design that recognizes the natural environment; and*

*Creating an interconnected network of parks, greenways, and open space amenities.*

### **Option 2**

*The vision for Steele Creek area is to create a unique and sustainable community that is great place to live while incorporating natural and historic features into new development to preserve the community's character.*