



**MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Michael Cataldo, Associate Planner  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department

**FROM:** Gwen Cook, Greenway Planner  
Greenway Planning & Development Services

**DATE:** January 20, 2010

**RE:** Rezoning Petition #2010-021 (Clems Branch Greenway)  
Ballantyne property (PID #223-132-11)

This is the first communication concerning this rezoning petition. We encourage staff and the Planning Commission to consider Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department's (MCPR) comments. We suggest that these comments be incorporated into the staff review notes and written into the Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis to the fullest extent possible. These steps should ensure MCPR's notes are conveyed to and incorporated by the petitioner during plan revision.

Located in the South Park District, the petitioner should be aware that this development will be the beginning of an important overland connector between future Clems Branch Greenway and McAlpine Creek Greenway. The overland connector is planned to continue north on Hwy 521, turn west on Ballantyne Commons Parkway and connect to McAlpine Creek along a tributary just west of Rushmore Drive. MCPR requests the following:

MCPR requests that the petitioner for Ballantyne Property provide a minimum sidewalk width of 8 feet with a planting strip along the proposed public road that is interior to the project as well as a minimum 8' wide public sidewalk with a minimum 8 foot planting strip along Providence Road West. It is important that the 60' public ROW for the interior public road extend to the west property line as shown on the site plan.

Copy to: James R. Garges, Director  
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