



**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:** October 18, 2011

**RE:** Rezoning Petition #2011-074(Gum Branch Greenway)  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission (PID #035-231-14)

This is the first communication concerning this property. 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 North Park District on Belhaven Blvd. and Valleydale Road and on the north side of Gum Branch, this parcel includes a greenway corridor that has been approved as part of the 2008 Greenway Master Plan.

MCPR requests, as a minimum, the conveyance of the 100' SWIM buffer of this parcel for greenway to Mecklenburg County. Conveyance of the floodplain would be preferred.

We will be happy to meet with the petitioner to address any questions.

Copy to: James R. Garges, Director  
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Michael Campbell, General Manager, North Park District