



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:** December 22, 2011

**RE:** Rezoning Petition #2011-083(Hoover Creek Greenway)  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission (PID #219-061-10)

This is the second communication (10/18/11) 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 South Park District at the intersection of Steele Creek Road and Walker Branch Drive and on the north side of Hoover Creek, this parcel includes a greenway corridor that has been approved as part of the 2008 Greenway Master Plan. Hoover Creek Greenway will connect to the larger system proposed for Walker Branch Greenway and Steele Creek Greenways.

MCPR acknowledges the note on the site plans RZ-1 and RZ-2 reading "100' SWIM buffer to be dedicated to Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation". Please revise to read "100' SWIM buffer to be conveyed to Mecklenburg County". Conveyance will require working with Jacqueline McNeil (704.432.3502) of the Business Services and Agency. The greenway trail connecting the sidewalk at Steele Creek Road to the proposed plaza and must meet Mecklenburg County requirements for greenway construction, which will require, among other items, a trail with 13' wide ABC stone base and surface asphalt paving 10' wide. MCPR will provide the standards and must be allowed to review plans and specifications prior to construction and be notified of the construction schedule. A county project manager will be needed to review the construction in-progress. The plaza must also meet Mecklenburg County standards and MCPR requests that the material be either plain asphalt or plain concrete or a combination of the two materials (such as the asphalt contained by a concrete border). This construction work must be completed and approved by the County before conveyance of the property to the County.

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

important.

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