MECKLENBURG COUNTY  
Park and Recreation Department  

MEMORANDUM  

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NO HARDCOPY TO FOLLOW  

TO: Michael Cataldo, Associate Planner  
    Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department  

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

DATE: January 24, 2012  

RE: Rezoning Petition #2012-008 NorthLake Crossing Apartments (Long Creek Greenway)  
    Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission (PID #02514191)  

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.  

The property is located in the North Park District south of the intersection of Reames Rd and Bayview  
Pkwys. Long Creek, a greenway corridor that has been approved as part of the 2008 Greenway Master  
Plan, is a high priority greenway to begin design in the near future. An access trail for this first section  
of Long Creek Greenway (PID # 02514123) is planned to connect to the greenway just after the first  
left-turning curve in Bayview Pkwy. Long Creek Greenway will be an asset for the local community  
and will connect most likely be extended up Dixon Branch to the Target at NorthLake Mall.  

MCPR requests that the petitioner provide bicycle and pedestrian access by a minimum 6’ wide  
sidewalk for their residents from the north corner parking lot to the public sidewalk on Bayview Pkwy,  
alignment to optimize access in the direction of the future greenway. The internal circulation of the  
project should complement this access and assist in connecting people to the greenway.  

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

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