



**MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Gwen Cook, Planner  
Capital Planning

**DATE:** February 16, 2012

**RE:** Rezoning Petition #2012-028 (Briar Creek Greenway)  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission (PID #12904155)

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.

This parcel is located in the Central Park District at the intersection of Morningside Drive and Commonwealth Avenue on the west side of Briar Creek. Briar Creek is a greenway corridor approved as part of the 2008 Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Greenway Plan Update. Mecklenburg County already owns significant property along the Briar Tributary leading to Veterans Park.

MCPR requests the conveyance of the 100' SWIM buffer on Briar Creek and the 50' SWIM buffer along the tributary for greenway to Mecklenburg County.

We will be happy to meet with the petitioner.

Copy to: James R. Garges, Director  
W. Lee Jones, Division Director, Capital Planning Services  
Michael Campbell, General Manager, Central Park District  
Christopher Matthews, Natural Resources Manager