



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 Division

DATE: March 15, 2012

RE: Rezoning Petition #2012-048 (Clems Branch Greenway)
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission (PID #223-031-12 and 223-031-98)

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 South Park District across Lancaster Highway from Ballantyne Elementary School and on the north side of Clems Branch, this parcel includes a greenway corridor that has been approved as part of the 2008 Greenway Master Plan.

MCPR requests conveyance of the entire SWIM buffer and property extended to the south property line. In addition, a minimum 80' wide greenway easement connecting the southwest parking lot corner (adjacent to Lancaster Highway) and the public ROW south to the SWIM Buffer. This easement will serve as a potential greenway access for the residents. We will be happy to meet with the petitioner to discuss this request.

NCDOT has been asked to provide bicycle and pedestrian improvements that allow the greenway trail to pass under Lancaster Hwy.

We are happy to meet with the petitioner.

Copy to: James R. Garges, Director
W. Lee Jones, Division Director, Capital Planning Services
Patricia Poteat, General Manager, South Park District

