



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
Capital Planning Division

DATE: May 22, 2012

RE: Rezoning Petition #2012-057 (Toby Creek Greenway Connector)
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission (PID #049-412-01)

This is the third (4/30/12; 5/16/12) 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 Region adjacent to East WT Harris Blvd, a tributary to Toby Creek runs along the north property line of this property. The proposed use for this development is a variety of multi-family, specifically student housing to serve UNC Charlotte. MCPR intends to work toward providing a continuous bike-ped connection from this development to existing Toby Creek Greenway, which will provide access to the UNC Charlotte campus and an existing system of 9 miles of greenway trails. The existing greenway is the longest system of contiguous greenway trail in Mecklenburg County (Clarks, Mallard and Toby Creek Greenways). An additional mile of Toby Creek Greenway is currently funded and entering the design phase.

MCPR has talked with the petitioner and has visited the property. The attached drawings outline the area requested for conveyance to Mecklenburg County for greenway. We will continue to work with the petitioner to accommodate the greenway trail and the outlet to the storm water pond as their grading design develops. This solution may require a small amount of additional property at the pond location so the greenway can remain outside the transmission corridor. Duke Energy does not allow greenway trails meeting Mecklenburg County standards within their corridor.

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