



# 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:** May 10, 2012

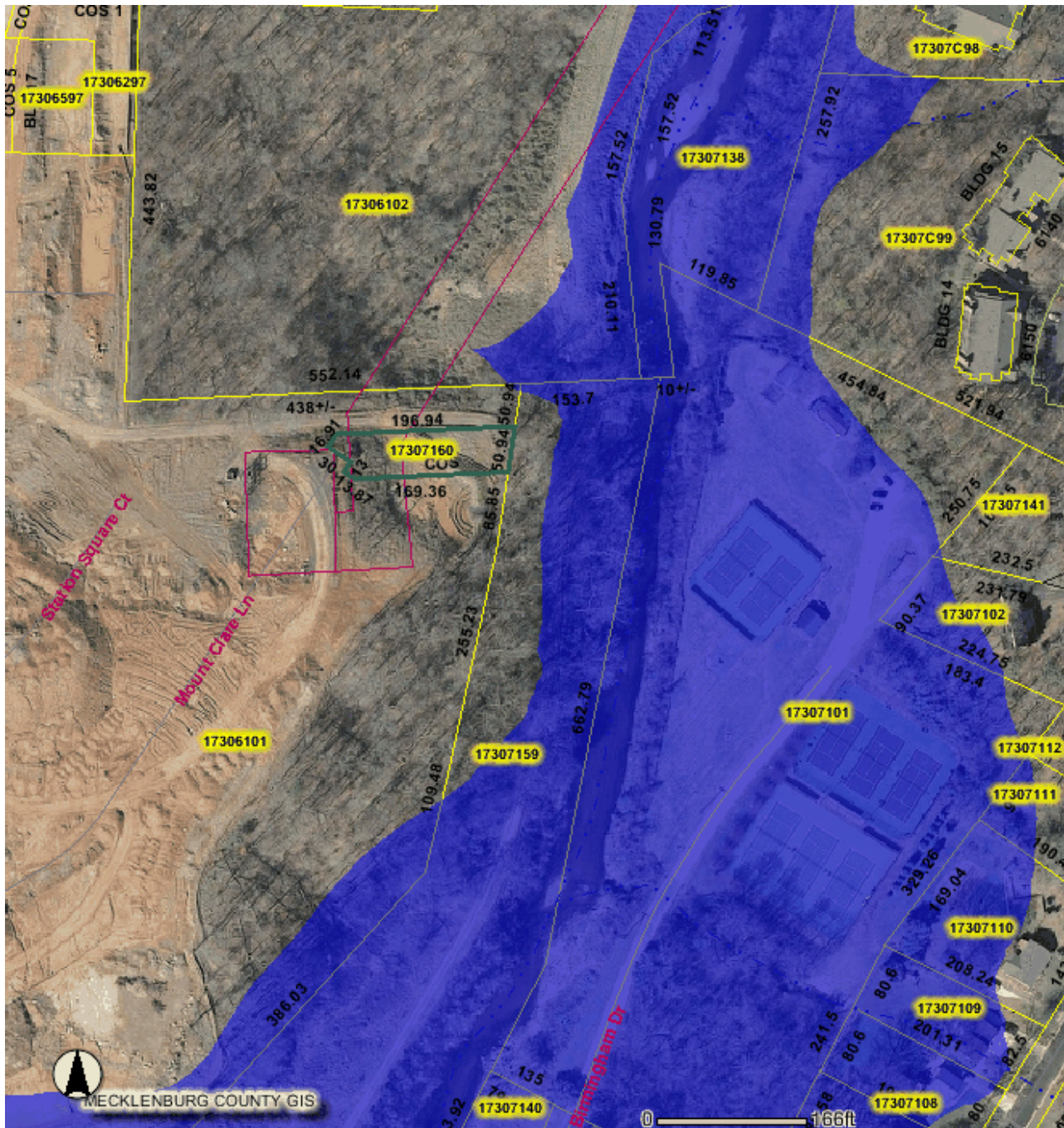
**RE:** Rezoning Petition #2012-069 (Little Sugar Creek Greenway)  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission  
(PID #173-061-01; 173-331-95; 173-331-98)

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 on the south side of Archdale Rd. and the west side of Little Sugar Creek, this development is adjacent to a greenway corridor identified in the 2008 Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Greenway Master Plan Update.

MCPR acknowledges that the developer has already provided a parcel of land beside the creek for greenway in a previous rezoning. This contribution to Little Sugar Creek Greenway for public use and enjoyment is very appreciated. MCPR is in the process of receiving an NCDOT grant for the design of a five mile section of Little Sugar Creek Greenway roughly from Tyvola Road to I-485, including the section of the creek that passes this development. It is time to consider how residents will access the greenway. MCPR welcome a discussion with the petitioner to insure that a public access or a privately built access trail will reach an interior road, plaza or other feature that is a logical beginning of the greenway access. The attached Polaris Map highlights a common open space area that may have been intended for this purpose, but the construction road is not located in that parcel.

MCPR welcomes a meeting or telephone call with the petitioner. The greenway access trail will not be designed on property that is not now nor anticipated to be public, fee simple or easement. **A donation of this COS land, some assurance that the trail will be connected with private funding, or record of a previous agreement in this regard is requested to enable MCPR to include a connection to Park South Station in the design of Little Sugar Creek Greenway.**



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