



# MECKLENBURG COUNTY

## Park and Recreation Department

### MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Zenia Duhaney, Associate Planner  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department

**FROM:** Kevin Brickman, Planner  
Capital Planning Services

**DATE:** March 5, 2014

**RE:** Rezoning Petition #2014-037 – Outdoor Recreation Screening and Buffering  
Requirements Text Amendment

This is the first communication concerning this petition. 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 text amendment revisions.

MCPR recommends some language needs to be added that states "if the 100' separation is wooded and left undisturbed then a Class C buffer would not need to be planted for recreation facilities". We would think an example where this would come into to play is the new nature centers planned at Latta and Steven's Creek. The new buildings would likely stay 100' away or more from any adjacent property owners, but it would look odd to have the typical urban/suburban buffer in the middle of a wooded nature preserve site. Consider language that excludes Nature Preserve facilities from all of these requirements.

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