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TO: Zenia Duhaney, Associate Planner
    Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department

FROM: Joyce Figueroa, Planner
      Capital Planning Services

DATE: September 20, 2017

RE: Rezoning Petition #2017-137 – Retail/Restaurant Mix Development (WT Harris Blvd.)
    (PID# 02522104 and 02522105)

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 site plan revisions.

Parcel #02522104 and 02522105 are adjacent to the Long Creek Greenway corridor as indicated on the 2014 Greenway Master Plan Update. This section is part of an active Long Creek Greenway & Stream Restoration Joint Project currently in design. MCPR agrees with the petitioner’s proposed dedication and conveyance of the 100’ SWIM Buffer to Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation for greenway use, per Site Development Data 9a and Schematic Site Plan RZ-1 and RZ-2, dated 8/24/17.

In addition, MCPR would like to request the additional triangle of land (100’ along the Reames Road property from the SWIM Buffer line-just behind the bus stop and 100’ along the SWIM Buffer line to the west). This additional area will allow access for short term construction and long term greenway and stream maintenance, as well as potential future greenway connectivity. This proposed access is essential to the construction of both restoration and greenway.