



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Michael Russell, Associate Planner
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department

FROM: Kevin Brickman, Planner
Capital Planning Services

DATE: September 23, 2019

RE: Rezoning Petition #2019-115 – Northwood Development, LLC

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.

MCPR has the following comments/requests regarding this petition:

1. We acknowledge and appreciate the McAlpine Creek Greenway Access Trail towards I-485. We request the petitioner provide a second Greenway Access Trail to the McAlpine Creek Greenway along the tributary of McAlpine Creek parallel to Rushmore Drive. This trail will better serve the existing neighborhoods to the south.
2. We request that parking and dedicated open space be adjacent to both greenway access trails.
3. For a rezoning of this size, we request the petitioner dedicate and convey to the County three (3) Neighborhood Park parcels – 1 parcel on the west side of Johnston Road and 2 parcels on the east side of Johnston Road. Neighborhood Parks are 2 – 20 acres in size, have passive and active recreation amenities such as playgrounds, fitness equipment, play meadows, picnic shelters, walking trails, etc. These parcels shall be adjacent to public rights-of-way and have site conditions that would not restrict the construction of said amenities. We are in need of more public open space in this portion of the county.
4. We would be happy to meet with the petitioner to discuss these comments/requests and answer any questions.

Copy to: W. Lee Jones, Director
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