



# MECKLENBURG COUNTY

## Park and Recreation Department

### MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Solomon Fortune, Associate Planner  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department

**FROM:** Gwen Cook, Greenway Planner  
Greenway Planning & Development Services

**DATE:** November 14, 2007

**RE:** Rezoning Petition #2008-003(Back Creek Greenway)  
Romanian Baptist Church (PID #051-293-17; 051-372-01)

This is the first communication concerning this rezoning petition. We encourage staff and the Planning Commission to consider Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department's (MCPR) comments on rezoning petition #2008-003. 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 Northeast Park District, the petitioner should be aware that this development will be adjacent to Back Creek Greenway. MCPR requests the following:

- MCPR requests that the petitioner dedicate an 80' wide fee simple donation or easement for greenway neighborhood access along the north property line of parcel # 051-372-01. The pond and a 10' buffer at the pond's edge is to be excluded. The access trail will tie into the sidewalk at the Gordon Walkers Drive intersection with Faires Farm Road.
- MCPR requests that the petitioner consider, in the future, entering into a joint use agreement with MCPR to allow greenway users to use their parking lot and provide a 25' wide easement connecting to the parking lot. MCPR will commit to providing a minimum 8' wide paved access trail from the 80' access easement along the north property line to the parking lot. Back Creek Greenway is currently on the 20 year Capital Needs Assessment. MCPR would request the joint use agreement and the 25' wide easement at the time the greenway is being designed.

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