

### Staff Recommended Revisions to August 2007 draft document

The following changes are recommended in response to comments received thus far in the review and adoption process. Additional/alternative changes may be recommended as further discussion occurs with City Council and the Planning Commission:

1. **Definition and Purpose Page 1: Replace the first sentence** with the following: Charlotte is the center of one of the fastest growing regions in the country. While growth contributes to our economic vitality, it also presents challenges for achieving and maintaining a healthy environment and a sustainable regional economy.
2. **Existing Conditions and Trends, page 5: Replace the data from 2003-2004** with the following excerpt from the 2006 State of the Environment Report: Unfortunately, our streams are currently degraded to the point where 73.5% of the monitored stream miles are not meeting their designated use.
3. **Policy 1.a., page 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: Change “natural resources” to “natural features”** to be consistent with term used throughout the draft document.
4. **Policy 3.a., page 11: Clarify the wording** as follows: Enable site designs and construction projects that: 1) facilitate the use of alternative modes of transportation; ~~and the reduction of~~ 2) reduce ground level temperatures; 3) minimize impacts to natural environment; 4) reduce the amount and improve the quality of stormwater run-off; and 5) use water efficiently.
5. **Implementation Tools, page 14: Add another a bullet** under Research, Data and Analysis that reads: As part of the City's Connectivity Program, the City will continue to develop and refine a list of roads/walkways/ pedestrian ways that could be extended to provide additional connectivity between land uses either by extension of the pavement or by providing pedestrian or bicycle connections. This is a dynamic list that will continue to be prioritized and incorporated into the capital needs assessment process to complement the new connections being provided through the development process.
6. **Implementation Tools, page 14, under Information and Education: Change bullet 2** as follows: Seek opportunities to educate staff and elected/appointed officials on environmental impacts and benefits related to land development and redevelopment.
7. **Implementation Tools, page 15, under Ordinances Changes: Change the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet** as follows: Review the zoning ordinance to enable “small-scale” mixed-use development and to enhance the ability to implement area plan recommendations (particularly recommendations for mixed use land uses) and to enable mixed / multi-use development on adjacent parcels in appropriate locations.
8. **Throughout the document: Clarify the wording of guiding principle #4** as follows: Consider the environmental impacts of land use and development comprehensively and strive to reconcile the various environmental concerns with each other and balance them with ~~the~~ other land and economic development considerations.