

MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 01-19
CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
HORNETS NEST PARK EXPANSION
May 15, 2001

PROJECT LOCATION

The subject property is located off Sunset Road, at the end of Clarencefield Road, which is in the Carronbridge Subdivision. The site is contiguous with the western end of Hornets Nest Park.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

This is a proposal by Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department to expand an existing district park by an additional 32 acres. The expansion will allow additional land for future park facilities and provide easy access to adjoining neighbors. The expansion area includes a portion of McIntyre Creek and would provide for preservation of additional green space.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The parks master plan recommends additional park facilities in this area to serve nearby residents. Increasing the size of the park would make it consistent with recommendations in the Parks Master Plan, which include a recommendation to expand Hornets Nest Park. The subject property is located adjacent to Hornets Nests Park and would provide additional recreational facilities, open space, and extend the greenway into adjoining neighborhoods.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROJECTS

This proposal will increase the size of an existing district park to better serve neighborhoods around the parks perimeter.

PROJECT IMPACT

Acquisition of this property to provide additional recreational and open space needs adjacent to an existing park will meet the needs of developing residential areas.

PROJECT COST

The purchase price will be negotiated based on a market appraisal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Joint Use Task Force reviewed this Mandatory Referral and identified no joint use opportunities. Staff recommends acquisition of the subject property to expand Hornets Nest Park

PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Approve 5-0.

Map of the Charlotte, North Carolina area showing the location of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission. The map includes major roads like I-77, I-85, and I-485, and highlights the area around the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission in orange. A scale bar and north arrow are also present.

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CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

Instructions:

This form is provided to capital project initiating agencies and departments for reporting proposed projects to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission in accordance with the requirements of North Carolina House Bill 855.

Proposed capital projects are to be submitted to the Planning Commission using this form at least 30 days prior to presentation to the governmental unit having approval authority.

Constructive review of a project proposal requires a full description of the project and its objectives. Please provide all of the requested information as well as pertinent graphic information. You will be advised when the project is scheduled for Planning Commission consideration so that your department representatives may be present to respond to questions.

I. Initiating Department: Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department

Date: April 24, 2001

Submitted By: R. Wayne Weston, Director

Department Representative: Nancy M. Brunnemer, Real Estate Planner

II. Project Name: Hornets Nest Park Expansion

III. Location and Description of Project: The subject property is located off Clarencefield Road and is contiguous to the western end of Hornets Nest Park. (The entrance to this 100-acre district park is from Beatties Ford Road.) The addition of the 32 acres in Tax Parcel #037-301-99 will (1) provide additional land for future park facilities, (2) include a section of McIntyre Creek and (3) serve adjoining neighborhoods with easy access to the larger park site. (See Map.)

IV. Project Justification/Need: Subject property would provide additional open space for public recreation use, including a creek section which will extend into adjoining neighborhoods through dedicated greenway. The *1989 Charlotte Mecklenburg Parks Master Plan* included a recommendation to expand Hornets Nest Park. This park is located in the Northwest Park District.

V. Project Status (check all that apply):

<u>Nothing done but this report</u>		Land not yet acquired	X
Preliminary plans completed		Land acquisition underway	
Detailed plans completed		Land acquired	
No land acquisition involved		Project under contract	

VI. Proposed Development Schedule:

Task	Begin	Completed
Planning		
Land	Acquire for future park/open space	
Construction		

(Identify any known external factors that are critical to the timing of this project. For example, the opening of a major shopping center or construction of a new school.) N/A

VII. Relation of this proposal to other public projects: (Is this project part of a series of interrelated capital projects? Is the project affected by or does it affect other public projects in this area?) This property will expand an existing developed district park to better serve new neighborhoods which have been developed around the park's perimeter.

VIII. Project Cost Estimate: (Indicate the estimated total project cost and describe how this estimation has been made.) The purchase price will be based on a market appraisal.

IX. Assistance Funds: (If state or federal assistance funds are proposed, indicate the specific assistance program and the status of any application for project funding assistance.)
N/A