

**MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 08-26**  
**Proposed Acquisition through Donation of Land Adjacent to Ramblewood Park**

**PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:**

Charlotte Housing Authority (CHA) has offered to donate Tax Parcel #20319502 to the County. This parcel is located at 801 Echo Cove Lane, includes +/- .47 acre, and is within the 100-year floodplain. A small branch or tributary bisects this vacant lot. The tract was originally platted to be a residential lot, but due to the branch was likely too expensive to develop. The surrounding subdivision was developed through CHA and is zoned R-4.

The rear portion of the lot is contiguous to Ramblewood Park, a community park located off Nations Ford Road at I-485 in the Southwest Park District. The park currently includes 93.5 acres; the donation will bring the total park area to 94 acres.

There are no planned improvements to the park associated with this proposed acquisition.

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:**

The addition of this lot to Ramblewood Park is consistent with the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department's policy of expanding existing park site through opportunities such as this. The branch bisecting the lot is a small tributary of Big Sugar Creek which forms the southwestern edge of Ramblewood Park. This donation increases open space at this location.

**CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:**

The 2008 *Park & Recreation Master Plan* supports enlarging existing parks where feasible and when opportunities present themselves.

**CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:**

The *Southwest District Plan* (1991) calls for the site to be a park / greenway. The parcel is vacant and is bordered by single family homes on both sides, and a portion of Ramblewood Park running along the rear of the property. The proposed land acquisition for park use is consistent with the recommendations of the *Southwest District Plan*.

**PROJECT IMPACT:**

Adding this vacant lot to the park will have no major impact on the adjoining subdivision of which it is a part. The transfer of this property to the County will continue to protect the lot and branch as open space.

**RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS:**

No other public or private projects exist in the area..

**ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:**

N/A

**JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:**

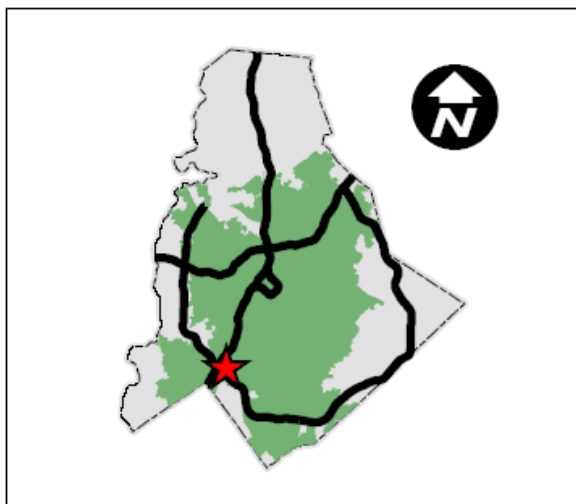
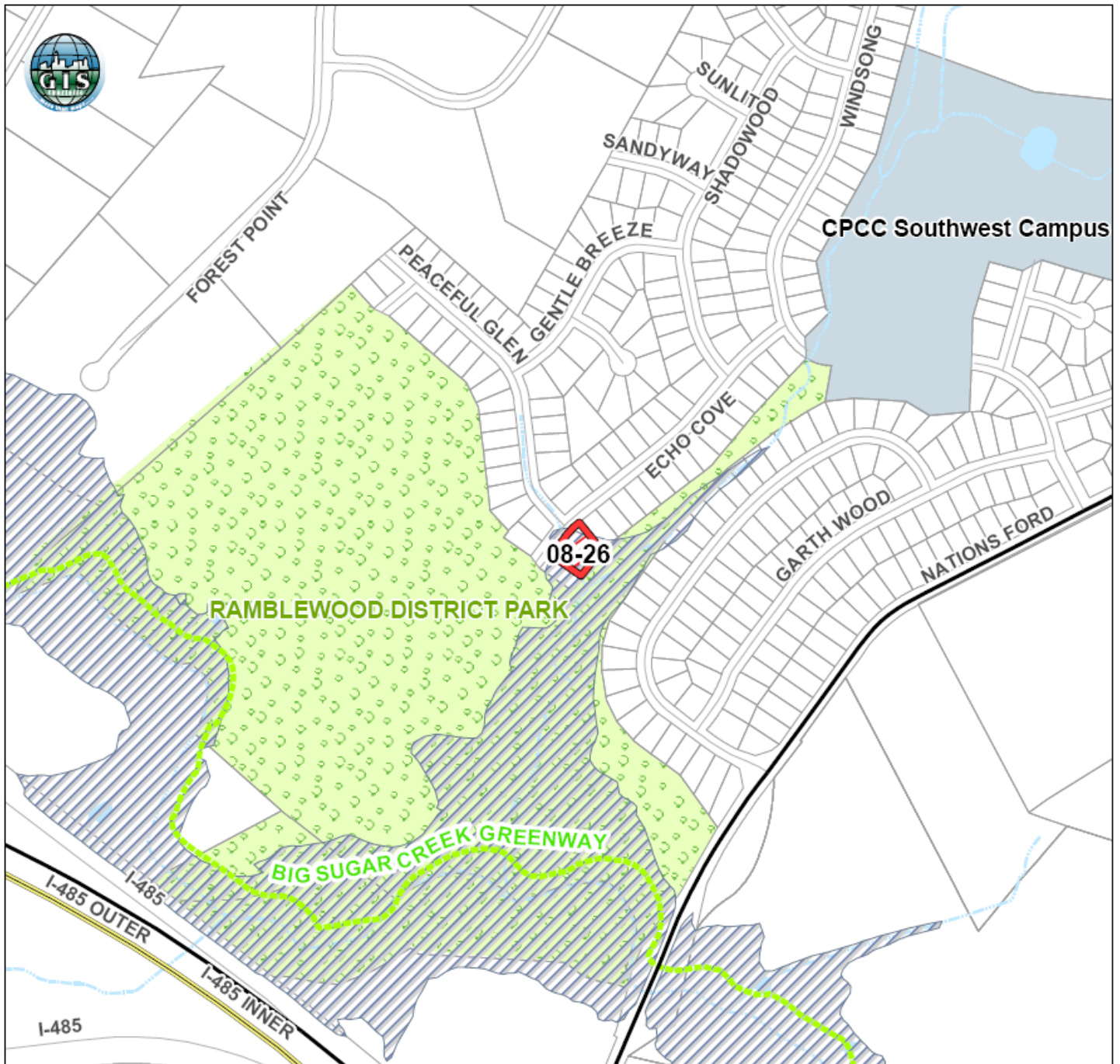
The Joint Use Task Force discussed the matter at their July 2, 2008 meeting and no joint use comments were made.

**PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposed land acquisition.

**CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

At their July 15, 2008 meeting the Planning Committee recommended approval by a 5-0 vote.



## Mandatory Referral 08-26

*County Real Estate Services*

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| Mandatory Referral    | Existing Park     |
| Existing Thoroughfare | Proposed Park     |
| Proposed Thoroughfare | Greenway Property |
| Existing Greenway     | Nature Preserve   |
| Greenway Construction |                   |
| Proposed Greenway     |                   |