

MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 13-23

Proposed acquisition of Properties in Hidden Valley for Proposed Expansion of Little Sugar Creek Greenway

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:

This project is the proposed acquisition of several properties located in the Hidden Valley neighborhood (Tax Parcels 089-022-05, 089-022-06, 089-022-08 and 089-022-10) in northeast Charlotte for the expansion of Little Sugar Creek Greenway and the development of a neighborhood park for the Hidden Valley neighborhood. The total acreage of the four properties is ± 2.2 acres. Each property is currently occupied by a single-family structure that will be removed. The zoning for the properties is R-4 (Single-family Residential) according to the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance. The subject parcels are surrounded by residential uses.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

The Hidden Valley area has a well-developed ecological garden and is the headwaters for Little Sugar Creek. However, there is no neighborhood park or greenway to serve this area. Local citizens in Hidden Valley and NorthEnd Partners have organized an effort to develop a project referred to as Mr. Hare's Nature Walk as an educational trail connecting Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School to the ecological garden. These properties serve as part of a link toward this purpose. Volunteer efforts have already begun to seek funding and provide labor to open a natural surface trail, which may later become a paved trail. The location of a neighborhood park along the proposed trail will provide recreational opportunities within walking distance of many homes in Hidden Valley and serve as another destination along this section of Little Sugar Creek.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:

This acquisition is consistent with the County's *2008 Parks Master Plan* which encourages the expansion of the greenway system and the development of neighborhood parks.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:

PROJECT IMPACT:

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS:

This property is to be utilized as greenway and a neighborhood park. It does not affect any other known public projects in this area.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:

This project is for land acquisition only and is expected to be completed by early 2014.

JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

PULLED BY APPLICANT



Hidden Valley Properties

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