

**MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 14-03**

Proposed Acceptance by Mecklenburg County of Donated Property on Red Barn Lane

**PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:**

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation proposes to accept the donation of tax parcel 173-181-65 located on Red Barn Lane in south Charlotte. The property is 0.076 acres of vacant land adjacent to County-owned property along Little Sugar Creek Greenway. The property is zoned R-3 according to the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance, and the uses surrounding this property are residential and recreational. The purpose of the proposed acquisition is to add the property to the adjoining Little Sugar Creek greenway property.

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:**

The subject parcel is located entirely in a FEMA-designated floodplain. The assemblage of this property with the other County-owned property along Little Sugar Creek Greenway will provide clearer property ownership to the public.

**CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:**

This donation is consistent with the County's 2008 *Parks Master Plan* which encourages the expansion of the greenway system.

**CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:**

The *South District Plan* (1993) calls for most property surrounding Red Barn Lane to be single family residential at 3 dwellings/acre. The stream corridor and floodplain is designated for greenway development, with additional language in support of greenway acquisition and development. The subject is a tiny residual sliver of land, otherwise undevelopable, within the mapped floodplain. Its use as a small addition to the existing greenway property is consistent with the *South District Plan*.

**PROJECT IMPACT:**

Acceptance of this property allows for clearer property ownership along Little Sugar Creek Greenway. It also gives the County control of the property from the creek to end of publicly maintained Red Barn Lane.

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

The parcel proposed for donation is adjacent to Little Sugar Creek Greenway.

**ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:**

Acquisition of this property is expected to be complete by the early 2014.

**JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:**

The Joint Use Task Force discussed this matter at their January 8, 2014 meeting, and no comments were offered.

**PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The proposal is consistent with the *South District Plan*. It will clean up a residual property ownership matter, make greenway access from Red Barn Lane clearer, and support the evolving greenway network. As such, staff recommends approval of the proposal.

**CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

At their January 21, 2014 meeting, the Planning Committee recommended approval by a 5-0 vote.



# Red Barn Lane Donation

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