

**MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 14-20**

**Proposed Acquisition by Mecklenburg County of Flood-prone Properties along Briar Creek in Charlotte**

**PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:**

Mecklenburg County's Storm Water Services Program proposes to acquire two properties (Parcel Identification Numbers 09906112 and 09906113) in the Purser Drive area along Briar Creek in East Charlotte. These parcels are vacant and located in a single family neighborhood near flood prone areas subject to periodic and severe flooding. Use of the Storm Water Services capital fund is proposed for acquisition of these properties. The properties are zoned R-4, single family residential under the City of Charlotte's Zoning Ordinance. Following acquisition, the properties will be added to the County's open space/greenway system and maintained in a natural state.

The intent is to preserve open space for the benefit of water quality and floodplain management with the long term goal of abandoning a portion of the street (Purser Drive) that serves these parcels. The land could be used in the future for a greenway but there are no immediate plans for that use.

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:**

The proposed acquisitions will contribute to water quality by ensuring that the floodplain area remains undeveloped. Additionally, acquisition of these parcels will add to greenway connectivity and assemblage along the creek.

**CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:**

Acquisition of these parcels is consistent with the *Mecklenburg County Floodplain Management Guidance Document* (adopted by County Commission on December 3, 1997) which aimed to 1) prevent and reduce the loss of life, property damage, and service disruptions and 2) restore natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain.

Greenway property assemblage along the creeks is supported by and consistent with the *2008 Greenway Master Plan*, a component of the *2008 Park and Recreation 10-Year Master Plan* adopted by the County Commission on May 7, 2008.

**CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:**

The proposed transaction and intended use of the property is consistent with the *East District Plan (1990)* which recommends greenway/park/open space.

**PROJECT IMPACT:**

Acquisition of these parcels will contribute to the water quality/open space needs of the community.

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

There is no confirmed relationship to other public or private projects at this time. The project intent is to protect the land from future development and preserve the beneficial use of the floodplain. Potential future projects could include park/greenway and/or storm water treatment.

**ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:**

Mecklenburg County anticipates acquiring these properties by the end of fiscal year 2014, subject to Commissioners' approval of the proposed acquisition.

**JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:**

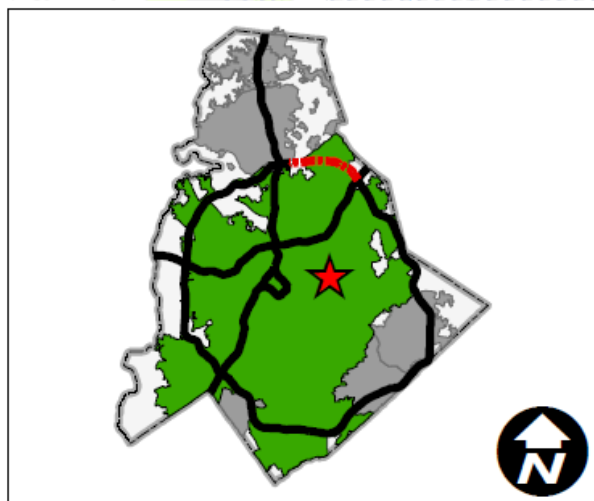
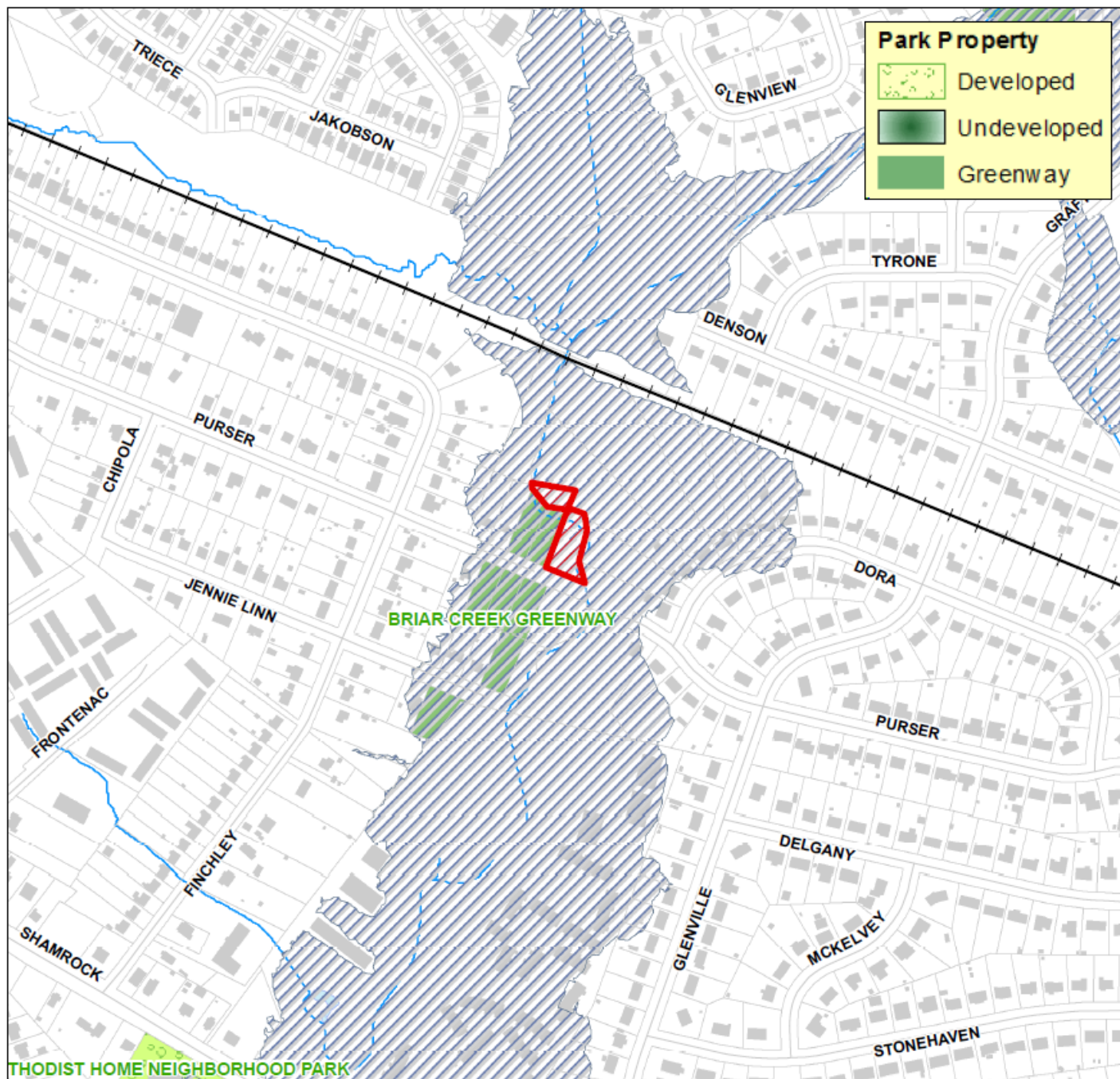
The Joint Use Task Force discussed this matter at their May 7, 2014 meeting and no joint use comments were offered.

**PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposed transaction.

**CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

At their May 20, 2014 meeting the Planning Committee recommended approval by a 5-0 vote.



## Mandatory Referral 14-20

Initiated by: Storm Water Services  
Submitted by: County Real Estate

- Mandatory Referral
- County Property
- FEMA 100 Year Floodplain

