

MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 14-35
Proposed Acquisition in Reid Park Neighborhood for Irwin Creek Greenway

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:

Mecklenburg County proposes to acquire tax parcel 145-179-23 (±0.67 acres) in the Reid Park neighborhood in west Charlotte along Irwin Creek. The property will be assembled with the other greenway property in the area and eventually become an extension of Irwin Creek Greenway trail.

The property is currently vacant and is zoned R-5 according to the Charlotte Zoning Ordinance and is partially located in the 100-year FEMA floodplain. The property is surrounded by single-family residences to the north and south, Amay James Community Park to the west, and Reid Neighborhood Park to the east.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

Park and Recreation would like to acquire this property for the future construction of Irwin Creek Greenway. Irwin Creek is an identified greenway corridor in the *2008 Park and Recreation Master Plan*.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:

This project is consistent with the *2008 Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Master Plan* objectives which identified the need for expanding the County's greenway system.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:

The adopted future land uses as per the *Central District Plan* (1993), for parcel 145-179-23 are Single Family up to 5 dwelling units per acre for the top (northern) portion of the parcel, and Park / Open Space for the remaining portion of the parcel inside the FEMA Floodplain. The proposed use is consistent with the adopted future land use for this parcel.

PROJECT IMPACT:

This greenway will provide a connection from Revolution Community Park, the Charles L. Sifford Golf Course and Clanton Community Park to the neighborhood. Eventually, Irwin Creek Greenway will connect to Renaissance Golf Course to the south.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS:

There are no known projects in the vicinity of this site.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:

This project is for land acquisition only and is expected to be completed by late fall/early winter 2014

JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:

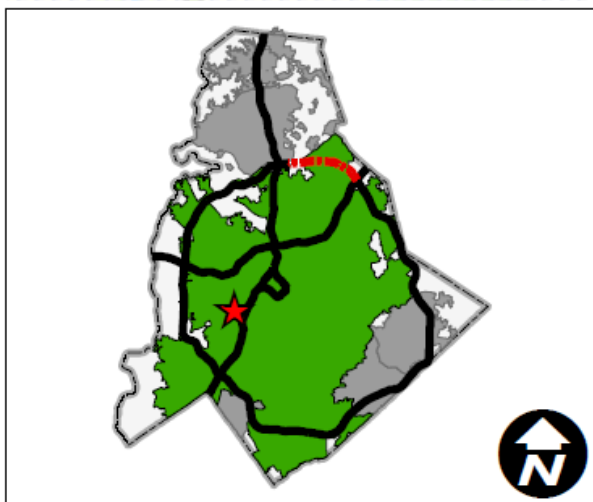
The Joint Use Task Force discussed this matter at their September 3, 2014 meeting and had no comments.

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Planning staff recommends approval of the proposed land acquisition.

CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At their September 16, 2014 meeting the Planning Committee recommended approval by a 5-0 vote.



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Initiated by: Park & Recreation
Submitted by: County Real Estate

- Mandatory Referral
- FEMA 100 Year Floodplain
- Schools

