

**MANDATORY REFERRAL-REPORT NO. 14-45**  
**Proposed Mallard Creek Tributary Greenway Donation**

**PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:**

Mecklenburg County proposes to accept the donation of tax parcels 043-211-97 ( $\pm$  0.118 acres) and 043-211-99 ( $\pm$  2.1 acres) in north Charlotte along a tributary of Mallard Creek. The property will eventually be assembled with other properties along the tributary for the construction of Mallard Creek Tributary Greenway trail.

The property is currently vacant and is zoned R-6 (Residential) according to the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance. The property is surrounded by single-family residences to the north, east and west and County-owned Thereasea C. Elder Neighborhood Park to the south.

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:**

Park and Recreation would like to acquire this property for the future construction of Mallard Creek Tributary Greenway trail. Mallard Creek Tributary 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 proposed use is consistent with the *Northeast District Plan* (1995) which does not prescribe locations for open space or the network for greenway improvements. Rather, the plan seeks to promote recreational opportunities and preservation of portions of the natural ecosystem when and where appropriate. The Mallard Creek Greenway is identified in the Plan as a major need for the livability of area residents and land banking for future greenway expansion is strategically important to achieving this policy objective. This acquisition would further greenway expansion in the area connecting neighborhoods to Thereasea C. Elder Neighborhood Park to the south and then eventually to a LYNX Red Line station location. Therefore the proposed acquisition for greenway expansion is considered to be consistent with the *Northeast District Plan*.

**PROJECT IMPACT:**

At build out, this greenway will provide a connection from Thereasea C. Elder Neighborhood Park to the residential communities, and eventually connect to Mallard Creek Greenway.

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

There are no other known public or private projects taking place in the area.

**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:**

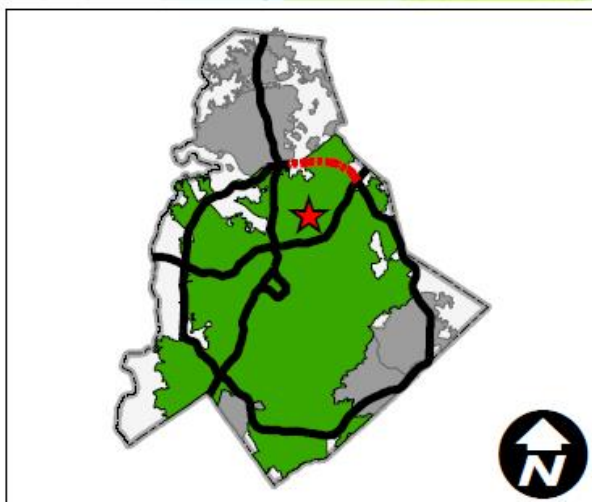
The Joint Use Task Force discussed this matter at their October 1, 2014 meeting and no joint use comments were offered.

**PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Since this proposed use is consistent with the *Northeast District Plan* (1995) and achieves multiple goals and policy objectives of the *2008 Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation Master Plan*, staff recommends approval for this transaction.

**CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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



## Mandatory Referral 14-45

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Submitted by: BSSA-AFM

- Mandatory Referral
- SWIM Buffer
- County Property

