

MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 14-52
Proposed Acquisition in Reid Park Neighborhood for Irwin Creek Greenway

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:

Mecklenburg County proposes to accept a donation of a portion of tax parcel 145-179-26 (±0.10 acres) located in the 3400 block of Reid Avenue 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 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:

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation would like to acquire the rear portion of the parcel 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 *Central District Plan* (1993) identifies low-density residential uses as appropriate land uses for the area in question. The plan also encourages the expansion of the county's greenway network where possible. The proposed use is considered to be consistent with the adopted land use plan.

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:

None are known at this time.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:

This project is for land acquisition only and is expected to be completed by early winter 2015.

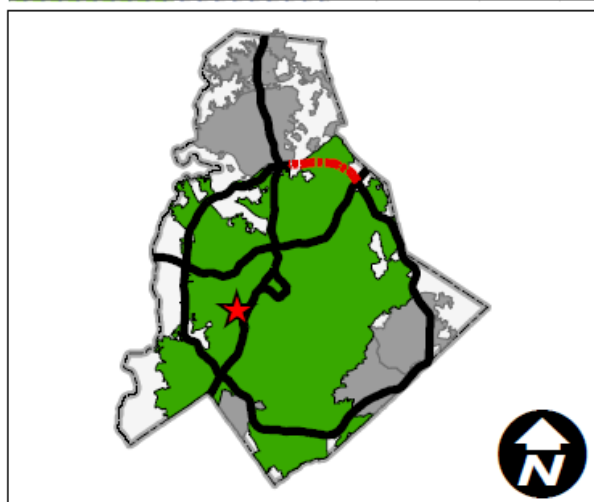
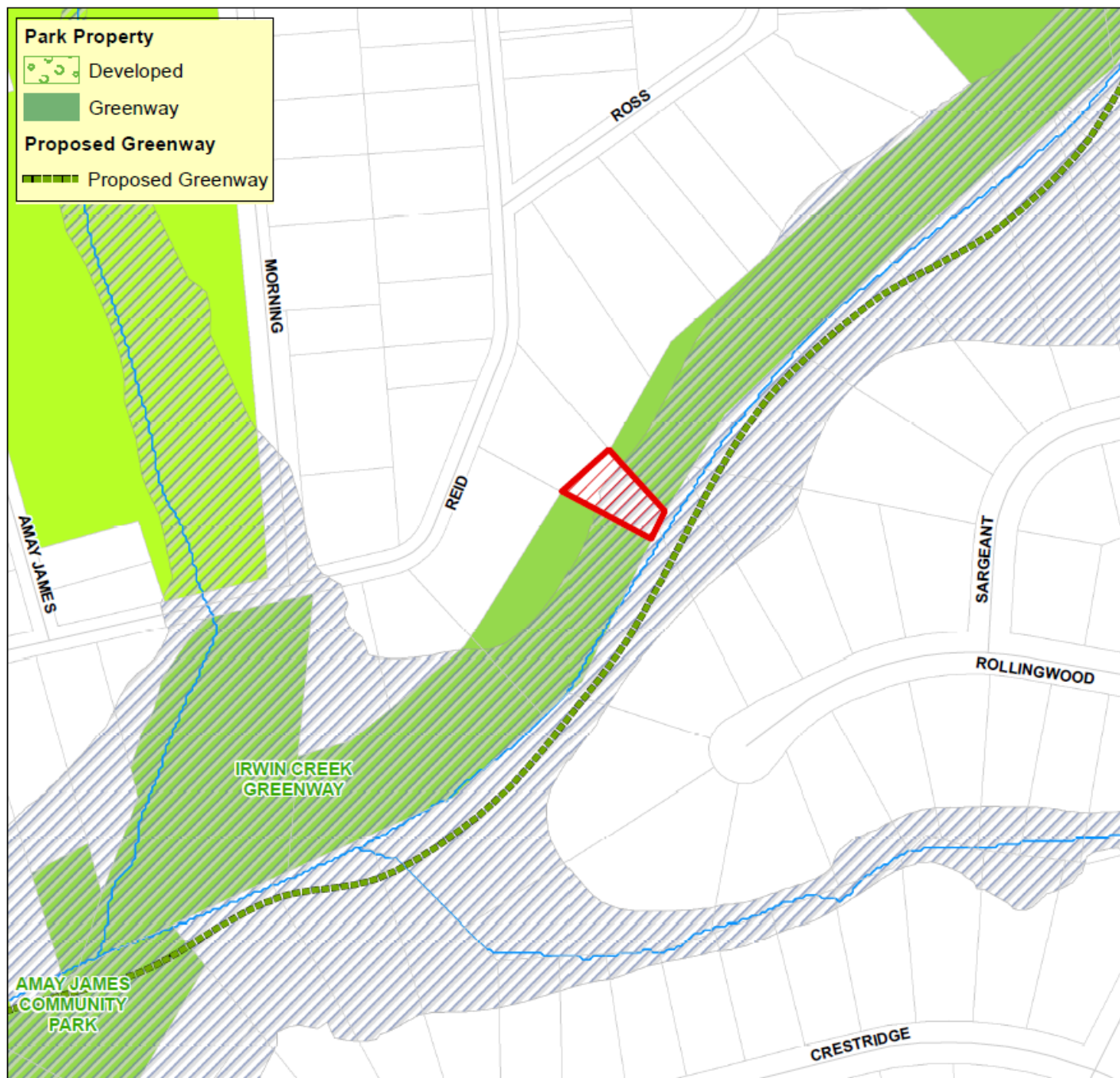
JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:

The Joint Use Task Force discussed this matter at their December 3, 2014 meeting and no comments were received.

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Planning staff recommends approval of the proposed transaction because the proposed land use is consistent with the *Central District Plan* (1993).

CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At their December 16, 2014 meeting the Planning Committee recommended approval by a 6-0 vote.



Mandatory Referral 14-52

Initiated by: Park & Recreation

Submitted by: BSSA-Asset & Facility Management

- Mandatory Referral
- County Property
- FEMA 100 Year Floodplain

