

MANDATORY REFERRAL - REPORT NO. 15-02
Proposed Land Donation of 2250 Purser Drive in Charlotte for Floodplain Mitigation

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:

Mecklenburg County proposes to accept the donation of tax parcel 099-062-01 (±0.5 acres) at 2250 Purser Drive in the Eastwood Acres neighborhood in east Charlotte along Briar Creek. Acceptance of the Purser Drive donation will complement prior floodplain mitigation efforts in the area and secure the creekside property for water quality and greenway purposes.

The property is currently vacant and is zoned R-4 (single family residential) according to the Charlotte Zoning Ordinance. The property is surrounded by single-family residences to the north, south, east and west.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services would like to acquire this property to further their mitigation efforts along Briar Creek. Acquisition of this property will not only secure the property for water quality purposes, but it will also add to the County's land holdings in the area for the future construction of Briar Creek Greenway trail. Briar Creek is also an identified future greenway corridor in the *2008 Park and Recreation Master Plan*.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:

Acquisition of this floodplain parcel is consistent with the *Mecklenburg County Floodplain Management Guidance Document* 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. This acquisition is also 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 *East District Plan* (1990) 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:

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to a reduction in property damage and potential loss of life for the affected communities as well as adding to the water quality/open space needs of the community.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS:

Other than the future Briar Creek Greenway project, this acquisition has no relationship to any other public or private projects.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:

The property will be accepted by the County in December 2014.

JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:

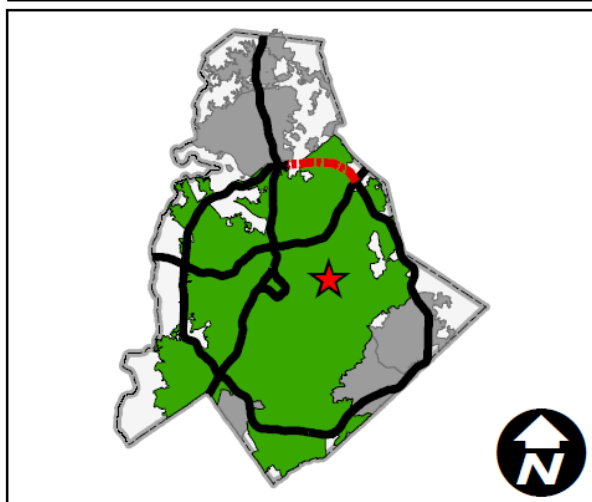
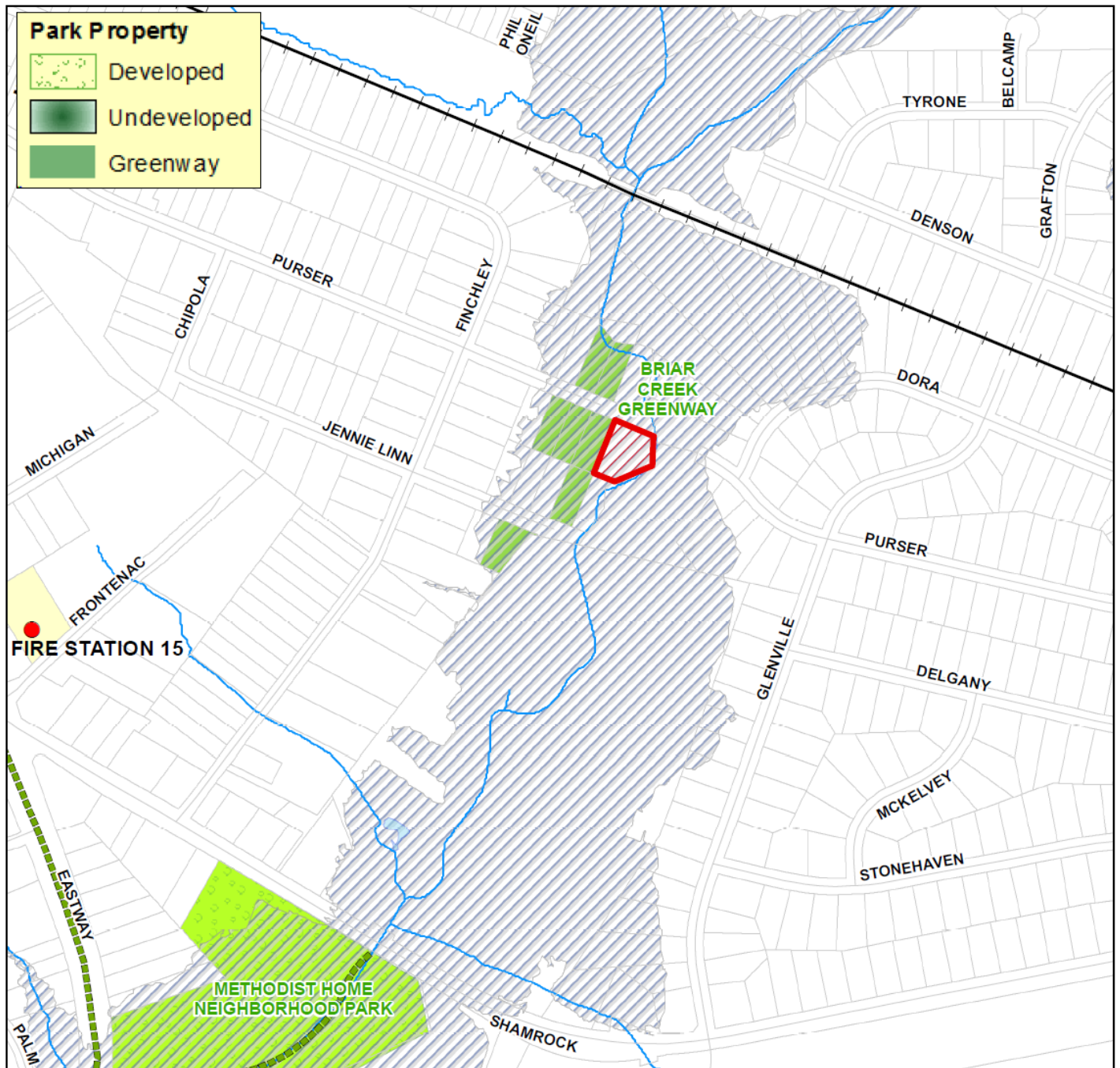
The Joint Use Task Force discussed this matter at their January 7, 2015 meeting and no comments were received.

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Planning staff recommends approval of the proposed transaction. The proposed land use is consistent with the *East District Plan* (1990).

CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At their January 20, 2015 meeting the Planning Committee recommended approval by a 5-0 vote.



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Initiated by: Storm Water Services

Submitted by: Asset and Facility Management

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- City Property
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- FEMA 100 Year Floodplain
- Fire Station

