

MANDATORY REFERRAL-REPORT NO. 15-24
Proposed Acquisition of Land to Add to Long Creek Greenway in North Charlotte

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:

Mecklenburg County proposes to acquire tax parcel 025-312-99 (\pm 0.219 acres) in north Charlotte along Long Creek Greenway. The property will be assembled with adjacent Long Creek Greenway property for the future construction of the greenway trail.

The property is vacant and is zoned MX-2 (INNOV) (Mixed Use), according to the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance. The property is surrounded by County-owned greenway property and single family residences.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

Long Creek Greenway is the major east-west greenway corridor in the County. At build-out, Long Creek Greenway trail will extend approximately 15 miles connecting to Mallard Creek Greenway in the east and terminating at the US National Whitewater Center in the west. The design and construction of the section of Long Creek Greenway in which this parcel is located is an approved FY18 project that will run from Dixon Branch to Primm Road.

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 *Northlake Area Plan* (2008) recommended Greenway as the land use for this parcel, as it lies within the stream buffer area along Long Creek.

PROJECT IMPACT:

Acquiring this property will provide ownership consistency in the area for the future greenway trail construction project.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS:

Long Creek Greenway is part of the Carolina Thread Trail system.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:

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

JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:

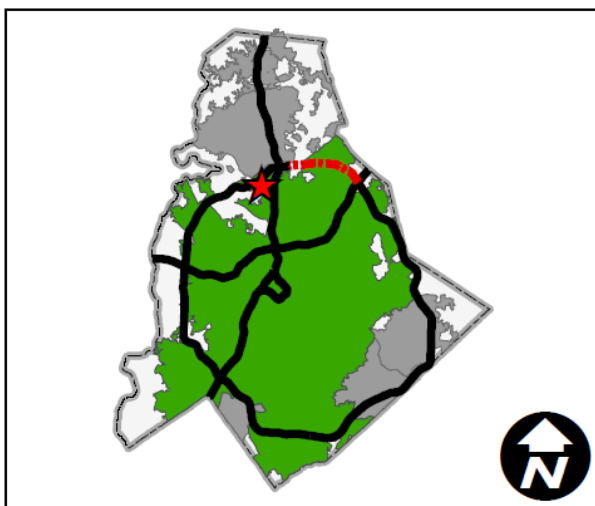
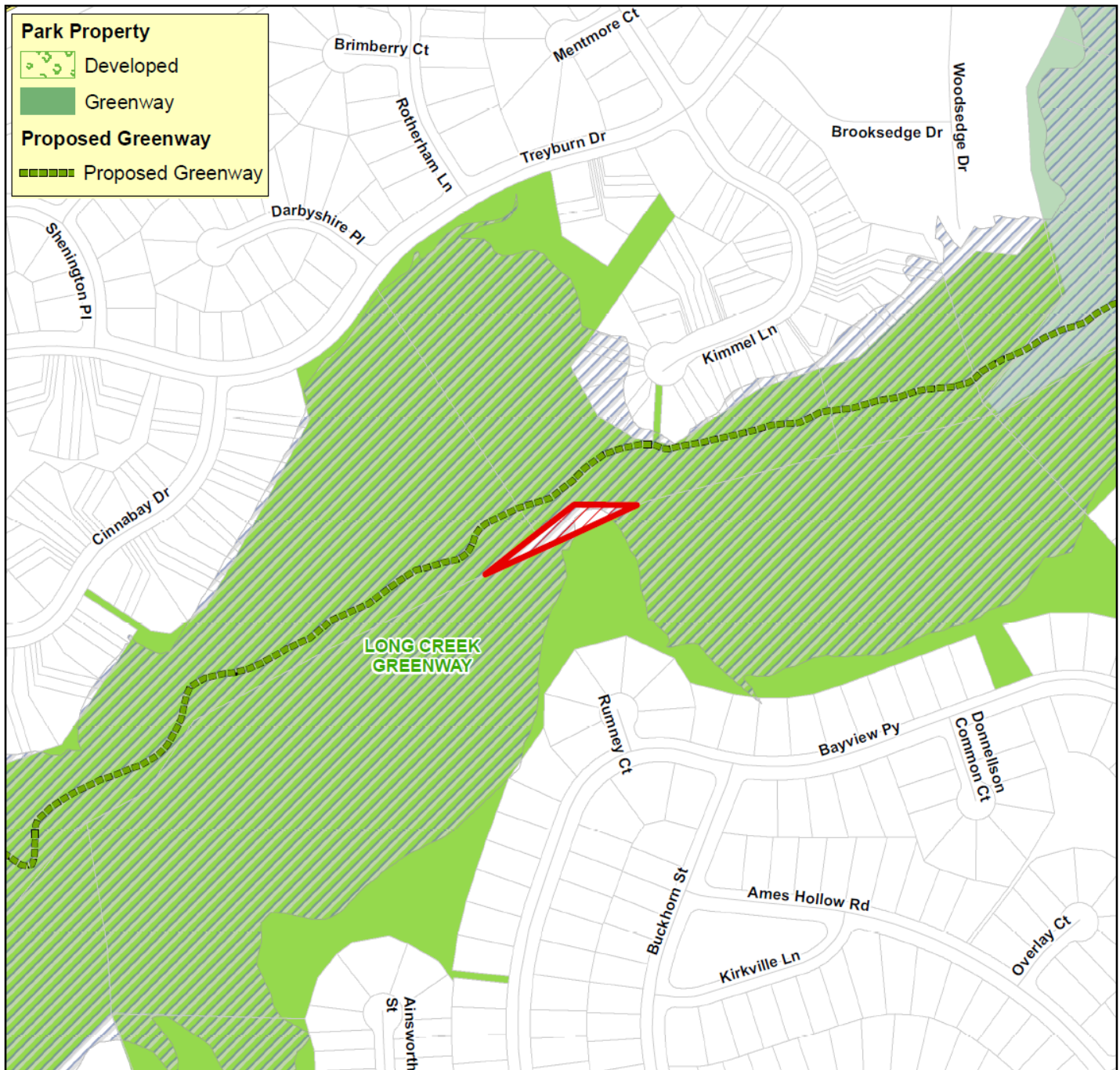
This matter was discussed at the June 3, 2015 Joint Use Task Force meeting and provided no comments.

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Planning staff recommends approval of the proposed land acquisition, as it is consistent with the *Northlake Area Plan* (2008) recommendation for this parcel.

CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At their June 16, 2015 meeting the Planning Committee recommended approval by a 5-0 vote.



Mandatory Referral 15-24

Initiated by: Park & Recreation

Submitted by: BSSA-Asset & Facility Management

- Mandatory Referral
- County Property
- FEMA 100 Year Floodplain