

**MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 16-41**  
**Proposed McDowell Nature Preserve Expansion**

**PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:**

Mecklenburg County would like to acquire a portion of tax parcel 199-481-03 located on Shopton Road West in the City of Charlotte's ETJ. The total property is +/- 7 acres and is located adjacent to Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation's McDowell Nature Preserve's eastern border. The County proposes to acquire approximately 5.9 acres of this 7-acre parcel. The property is vacant and is zoned R-3 (single family residential) according to the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance. The surrounding land uses are residential and recreation.

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:**

The subject parcel is adjacent to McDowell Nature Preserve. Acquisition of this property allows the County to preserve open space, increase wildlife habitat protection and water quality protection. It also provides additional buffer for the existing nature preserve along York Road.

**CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:**

This acquisition is consistent with several Mecklenburg County adopted policies and plans such as the *Park and Recreation Master Plan* which seeks to expand open space and habitat protection.

**CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:**

**PROJECT IMPACT:**

This property is to be utilized as nature preserve land. It does not affect any other known public projects in this area.

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

There is no known relationship to any other public or private projects.

**ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:**

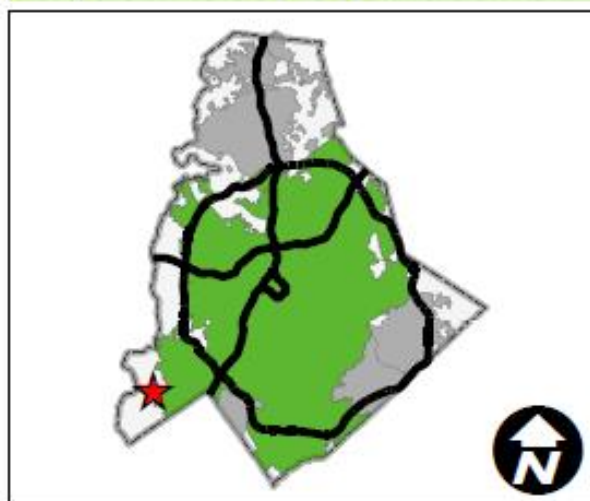
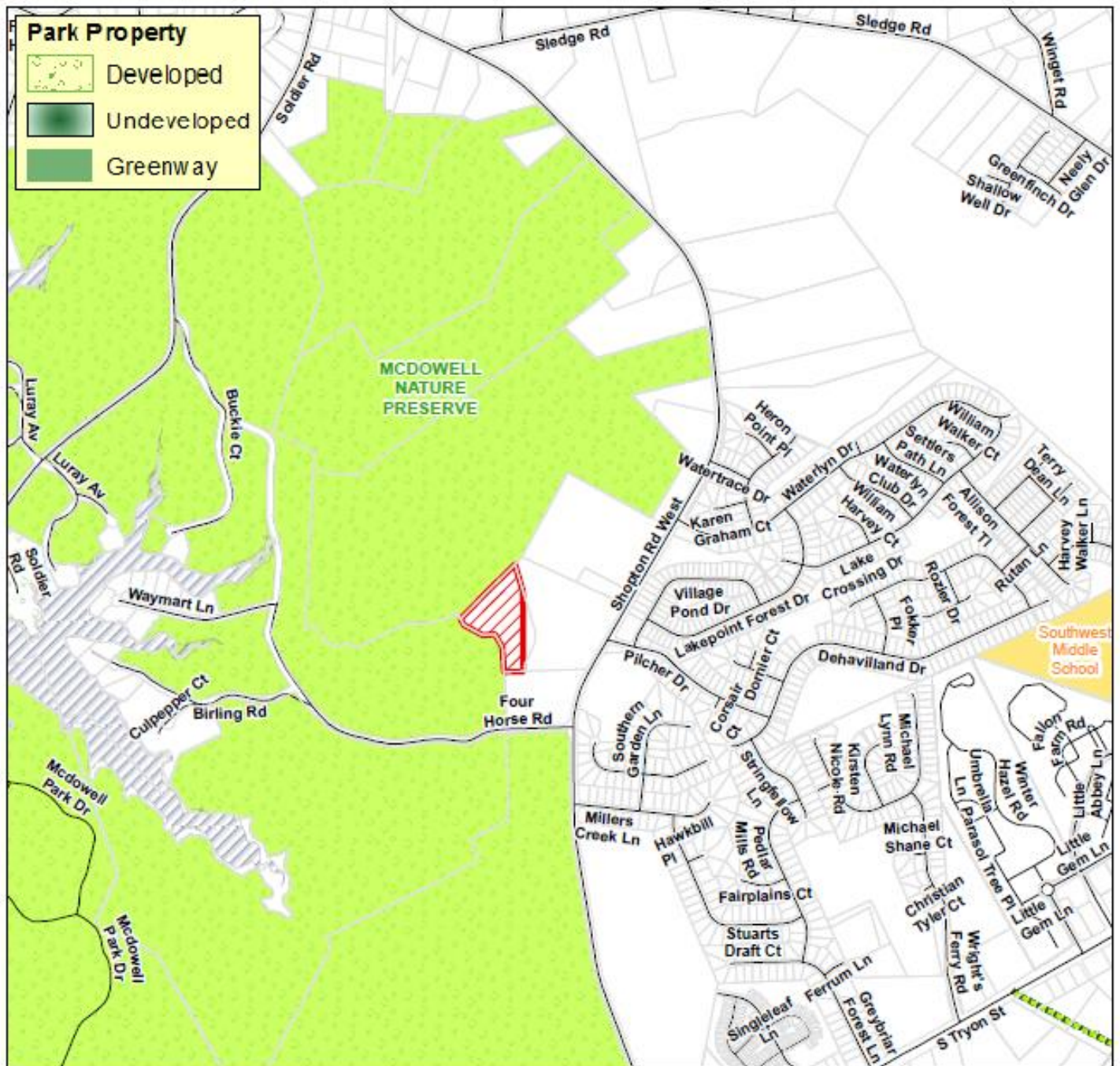
Acquisition of this property is expected to be complete in fiscal year 2017.

**JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:**

**PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

THIS MANDATORY REFERRAL HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE SUBMITTER



## Mandatory Referral 16-41

Initiated by: County Asset & Facility Management

Submitted by: County Park & Recreation

- Mandatory Referral
- Schools
- County Property
- FEMA 100 Year Floodplain

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