

MANDATORY REFERRAL | REPORT NO. 2018-22

Charlotte Engineering & Property Management Department (E&PM) Proposed Acquisition of Property in West Sugar Creek for Tree Canopy Preservation

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:

The City of Charlotte's Engineering and Property Management Department (E&PM) proposes to acquire one parcel of approximately 19.43 acres (043-106-27), zoned R-3 per the Charlotte Zoning Ordinance, in the West Sugar Creek area of Charlotte for tree canopy preservation. The property is located off West Sugar Creek and is accessed by a driveway easement, as shown on the location map below. It is currently improved with a residence.

This property will be purchased with Tree Ordinance Mitigation funds. The property was identified and considered under the City's scoring model for tree canopy preservation and was determined to be a good candidate for preservation due to its potential partnership opportunities for replanting and proximity to development. This model uses criteria including acreage, current vegetative cover, and potential for connectivity to greenways and partnering opportunities, as well as the level of development in the general geographic area.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

The acquisition of this property will enable the City to work toward reaching Charlotte City Council's goal of attaining fifty percent tree canopy coverage city-wide by 2050 through the preservation of forested properties in developing areas.

This acquisition allows the City, as required by the [Charlotte Tree Ordinance](#), to fulfill its role as administrator of a Tree Ordinance Mitigation Fund and to meet the greater intent of the tree ordinance to preserve and protect tree canopy and promote the benefits trees provide to the Charlotte community (Charlotte, North Carolina, City Code, §21).

This property provides a replanting opportunity and is located in an area of the City where the Tree Canopy Preservation Program has not previously acquired land for conservation.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:

The acquisition of this property is consistent with the tree canopy and general environmental goals associated with the [City of Charlotte's Tree Canopy Preservation Program](#) and City Council's "50% in 2050" Tree Canopy Goal strategy (both adopted 2011) and [Urban Forest Master Plan](#) and [City Council's Environmental Focus Area Plan](#) (adopted 2018).

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS: *(Completed by Planning Staff)*

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PROJECT IMPACT:

Acquisition will enable to the City to work toward reaching the goal of attaining fifty percent tree canopy coverage city-wide by 2050 through tree planting and the preservation of forested properties in developing areas.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS:

No relationships are known to other projects.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:

Staff is in negotiations with the property owners. Acquisition of the parcel is anticipated within six to eight months of entering into a contract.

JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS: *(Completed by Planning Staff)*

At their November 7, 2018 meeting, the Joint Use Task Force reviewed this proposal and offered the following comments: *(or...and no comments were offered.)*

- Insert... *(if applicable)*

Attending Agencies: *(Completed by Planning Staff)*

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PLANNING STAFF REVIEW: *(Completed by Planning Staff)*

Planning staff has reviewed the proposed and has the following comments:

Conclusions:

- Insert...

Adopted Goals and Policies:

- Insert...

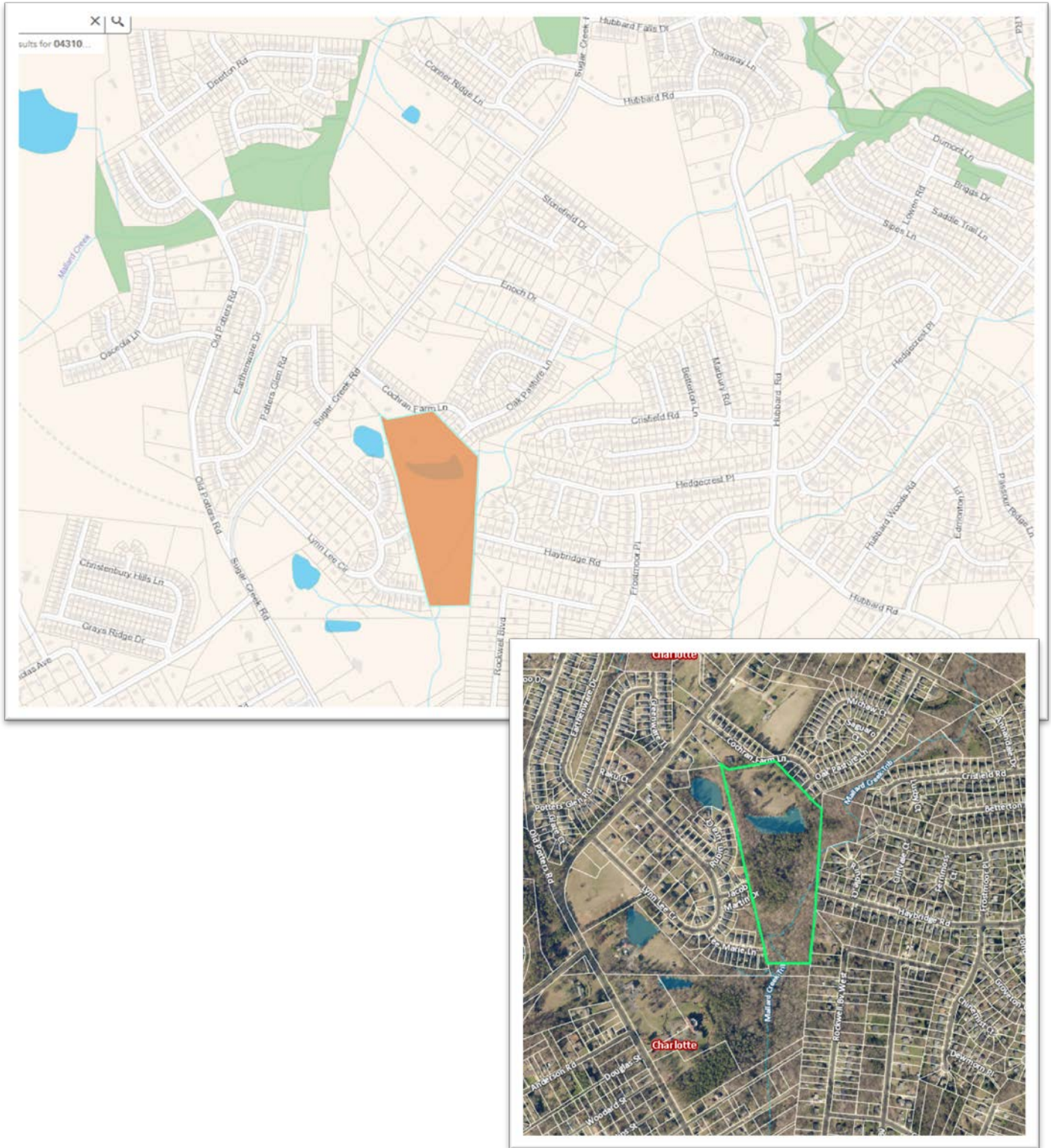
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CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE REVIEW: *(Completed by Planning Staff)*

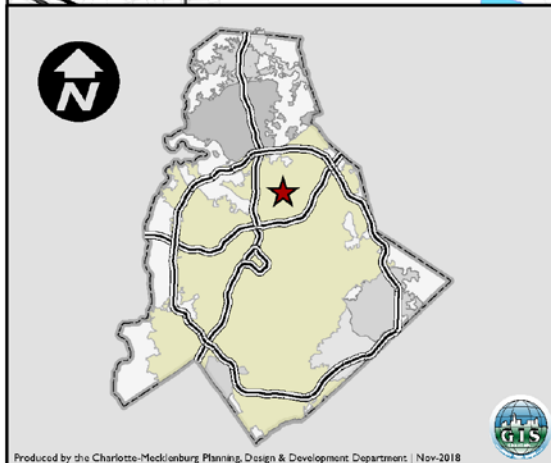
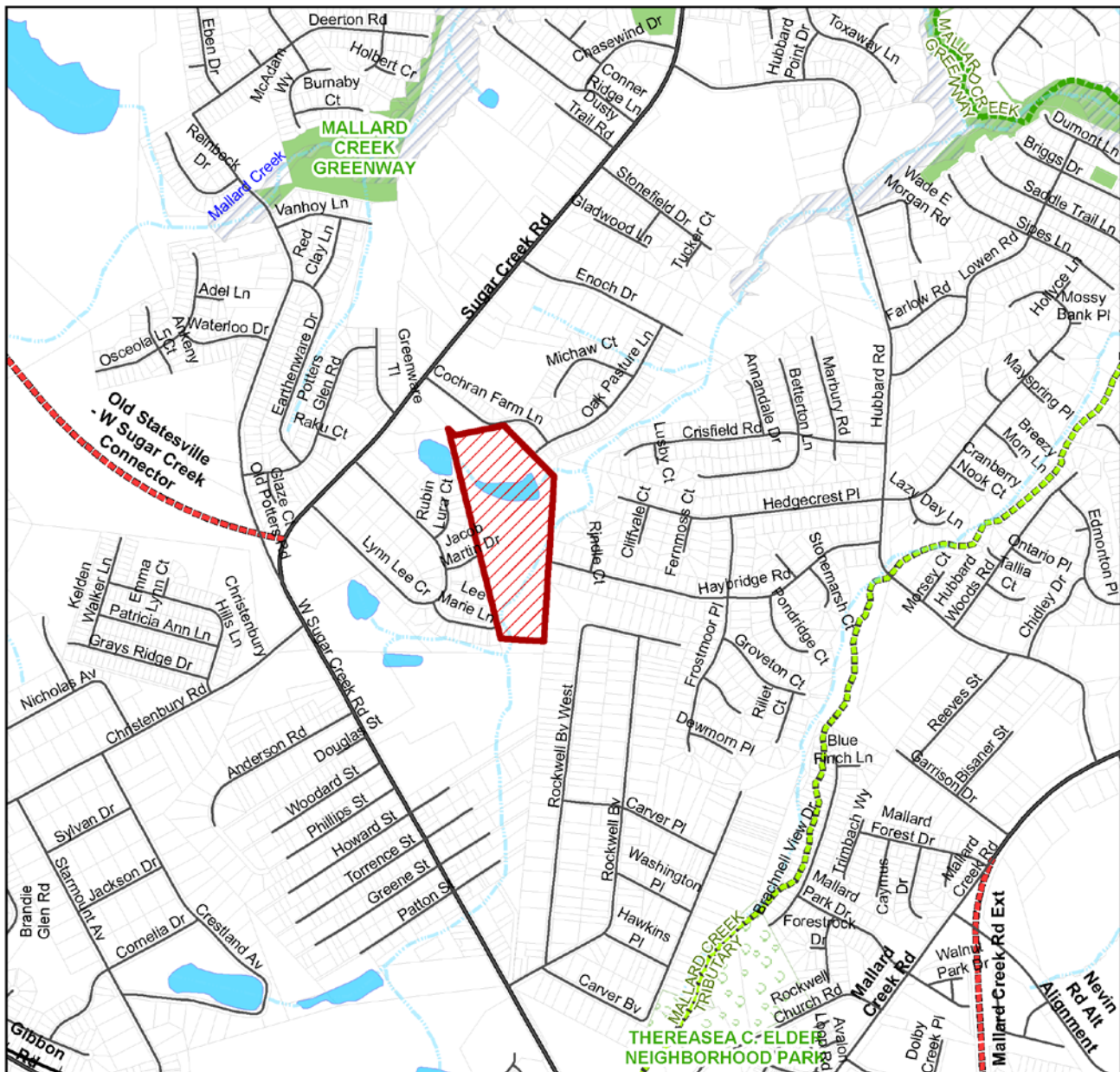
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LOCATION MAP










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-  Mandatory Referral
-  FEMA 100 Year Floodplain
-  City Property
-  County Property
-  Greenway - Developed
-  Greenway - Proposed
-  Proposed Thoroughfare Improvement