

**MANDATORY REFERRAL | REPORT NO. 19-08**  
Proposal to acquire properties for North Mecklenburg Park Expansion

**PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:**

The County would like to acquire tax parcels 009-111-20, 009-111-27, and 009-111-33 (+/- 3.187 acres) in the Town of Huntersville for the expansion of the North Mecklenburg Park. The parcels are contiguous and located adjacent to the southeast corner of existing North Mecklenburg Park along Highway 115 – Old Statesville Road. The parcels are zoned Neighborhood Residential (NR) according to the Town's zoning ordinance and are mostly wooded with the exception of tax parcel 009-113-20 where a portion of the parcel is cleared for a single-family home. Surrounding land uses are residential, commercial and industrial.

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:**

The North Mecklenburg Park property is owned by Mecklenburg County but is operated by the Town of Huntersville. The park is heavily used and contains various amenities such as baseball/softball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, basketball courts and outdoor shelters. Acquisition of this property would allow expansion of the park and provide some buffer to the park's southeast corner.

**CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:**

Acquisition of this property is consistent with the County's Park & Recreation Master Plan which recommends the acquisition of additional park land to meet the standard acreage goals per number of County residents.

**CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:**

The Town of Huntersville 2030 Community Plan contains an action strategy to "Continue to assess public facility needs to meet demand generated by existing, as well as future growth and development." Recreational land is continuously monitored through the Town's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance – additional park land will be needed in the foreseeable future in response to rapid residential development and growth. Expansion of an existing park is consistent with the Town's plans.

**PROJECT IMPACT:**

Acquisition of this property would allow expansion of North Mecklenburg Park in Huntersville and add to the land holdings for this heavily used park. Acquisition of the parcels help meet standard park land to resident acreage goals identified in the Park and Recreation Master Plan.

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

There are no known public or private projects that will be impacted by this purchase.

**ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:**

Acquisition of this property is anticipated to be complete in FY20.

**JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:**

The Joint Use Task Force reviewed this proposal at the June 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Use Task Force meeting and had no additional comments.

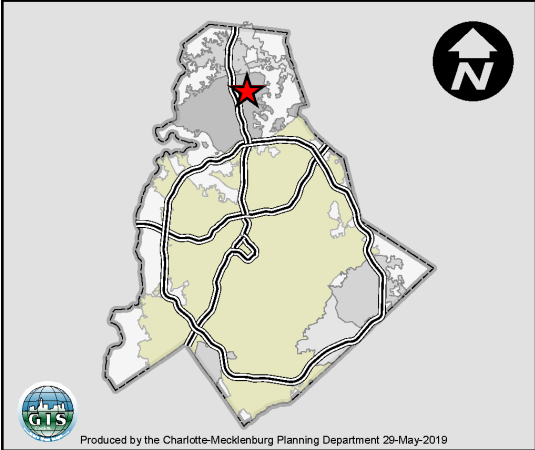
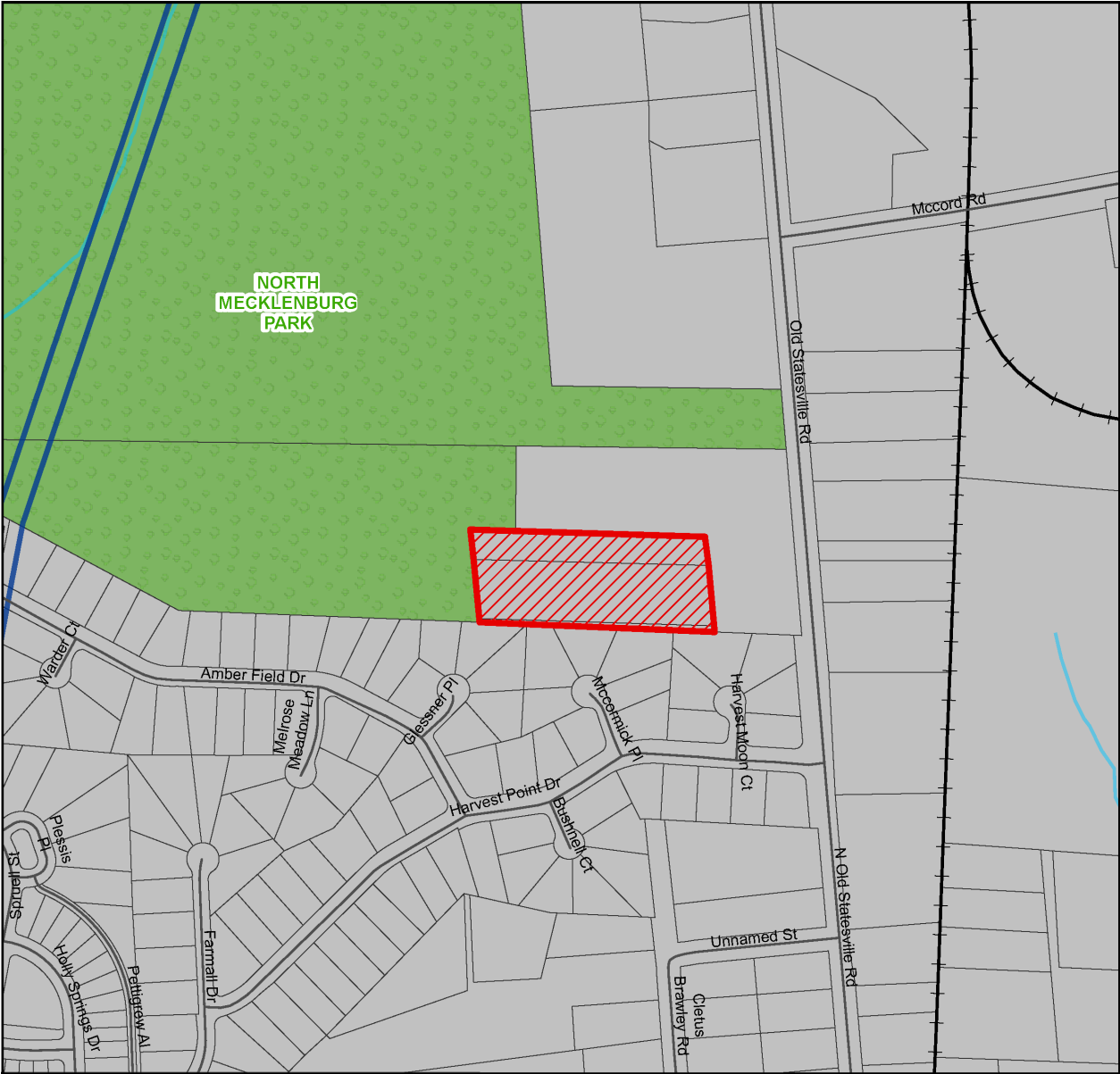
**HUNTERSVILLE PLANNING STAFF REVIEW:**

Huntersville Planning staff has reviewed the proposal and had no additional comments.

**CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE REVIEW:**




At their June 18, 2019 meeting, the Planning Committee reviewed the proposed acquisition and there were no comments.

LOCATION MAP



**Mandatory Referral 19-08**

Initiated By: Park & Recreation  
Submitted By: Asset & Facility Management

-  Mandatory Referral
-  County Property
-  Overhead Electrical Transmission Lines

