

MANDATORY REFERRAL | REPORT NO. 19-21
Proposal to acquire property near Moores Chapel Loop/Catawba Riverfront Acquisitions

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:

The County would like to acquire four tax parcels 05324101, 05324102, 05324203, 05324205 (+/-7.158 acres) in the City of Charlotte's ETJ on Moores Chapel Loop near the Catawba River and Mecklenburg-Gaston County line. The parcels are located just north of Wilkinson Blvd and the County's Iswa Nature Preserve along Wilkinson Blvd. All parcels are zoned B-2, according to the City of Charlotte's zoning ordinance. Tax parcels 05324101 and 05324102 border the Catawba River. Tax parcels 05324102 and 05324205 used for a restaurant business. Land uses are residential moving north toward Moores Chapel Road, and are business related closer to the Wilkinson Blvd corridor.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION: The proposed acquisitions are located along the Catawba River and the surrounding area, where there are limited opportunities for public access to the river. These acquisitions would provide increased public access to the riverfront and provide more public opportunities for kayaking and rowing for County residents. Future amenities could include a shelter, boat launch, and restrooms/changing area.

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 and to provide additional park amenities.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:

The Dixie Berryhill Strategic Plan (adopted 2003) recommends Greenway/Park Open Space for this site.

PROJECT IMPACT: This property acquisition presents a rare opportunity to acquire park property along the riverfront for public use as well as meet Park and Recreation's goals of open space and habitat protection.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS: There are no known related public or private projects.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE: Acquisition of this property is expected to be complete in FY20.

JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:

At their September meeting, the Joint Use Task Force reviewed this proposal and offered the following comments:

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW:

Planning staff has reviewed the proposed

Conclusions:

- Greenway and Park/open spaces would be appropriate land uses for this site along the Catawba River.

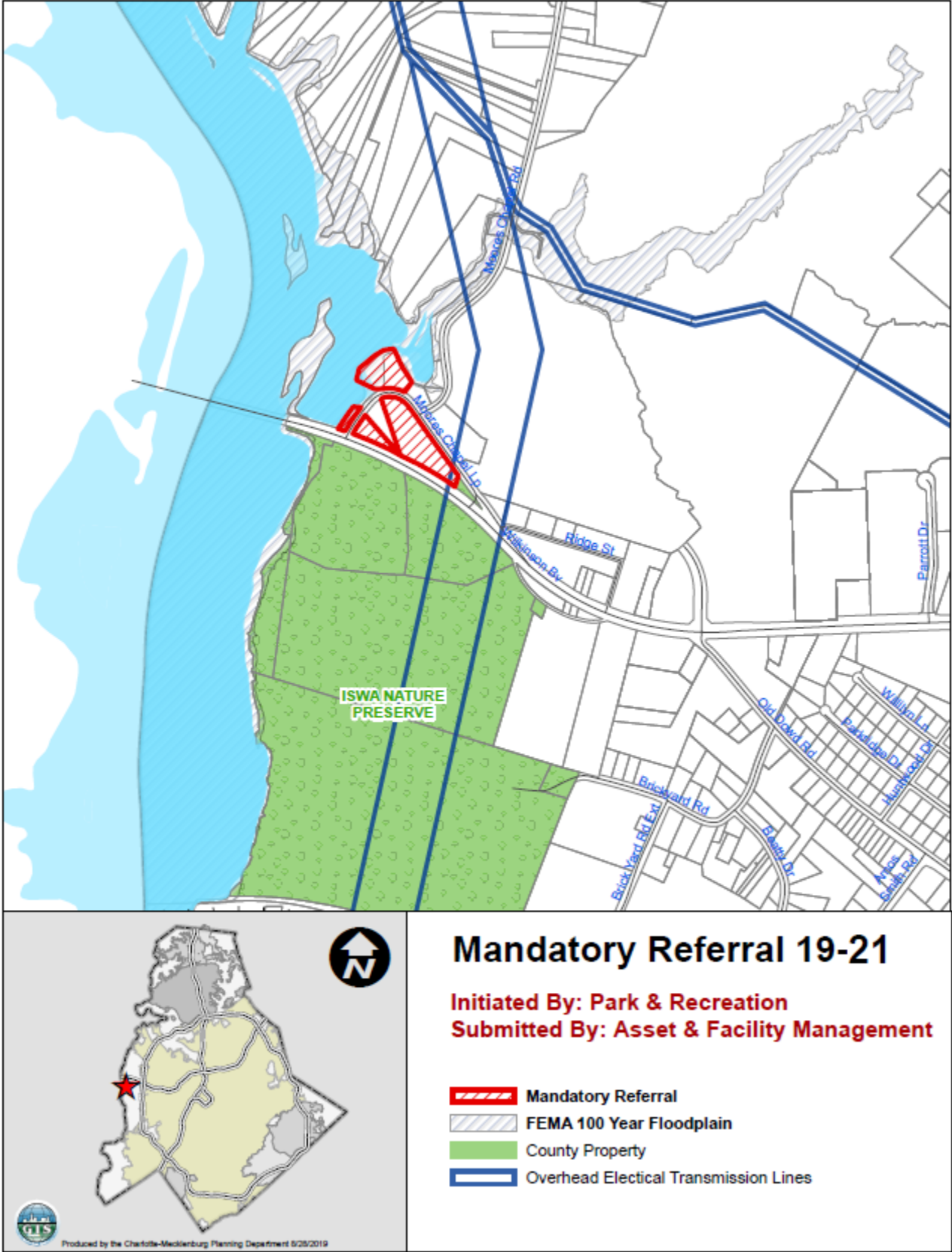
Adopted Goals and Policies:

- The site is just south of the study area for the Catawba Area Plan (adopted 2010), which included as an implementation strategy to develop more public access points to the Catawba River, including boat ramps, picnic areas and public open space.

CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE REVIEW:

At their September 17th meeting, the Planning Committee reviewed the proposed request....

LOCATION MAP



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