

**MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 97-05
CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION**

**LAND ACQUISITION FOR SUGAW CREEK DISTRICT PARK
FEBRUARY, 1997**

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION

The Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department is proposing to acquire 4.66 acres of land adjacent to the Sugaw Creek District Park. These two parcels (087-057-50 and 087-057-51) are located on West Sugar Creek Road (see attached map).

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The 1989 *Charlotte-Mecklenburg Parks Master Plan* recommended adding over 65 acres to this park (presently containing 34 acres) in order to reach the desirable size (100 acres) for district parks within the park system. District parks serve as the primary source for active recreation and are to be intensively developed.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROJECTS

This proposed property is contiguous to the undersized Sugaw Creek Park and is the first of several potential tracts, which would be needed to meet the minimum desirable size of 100 acres. Additional land acquisition is being pursued for this park site. One of two houses on the property will be relocated to a community development project in the Mallard Creek area. The other house is dilapidated and will be demolished.

PROJECT IMPACT

This project would have a very positive impact on the undersized (and essentially built out) Sugaw Creek Park, which contains a recreation center and has a heavily populated service area.

PROJECT COST

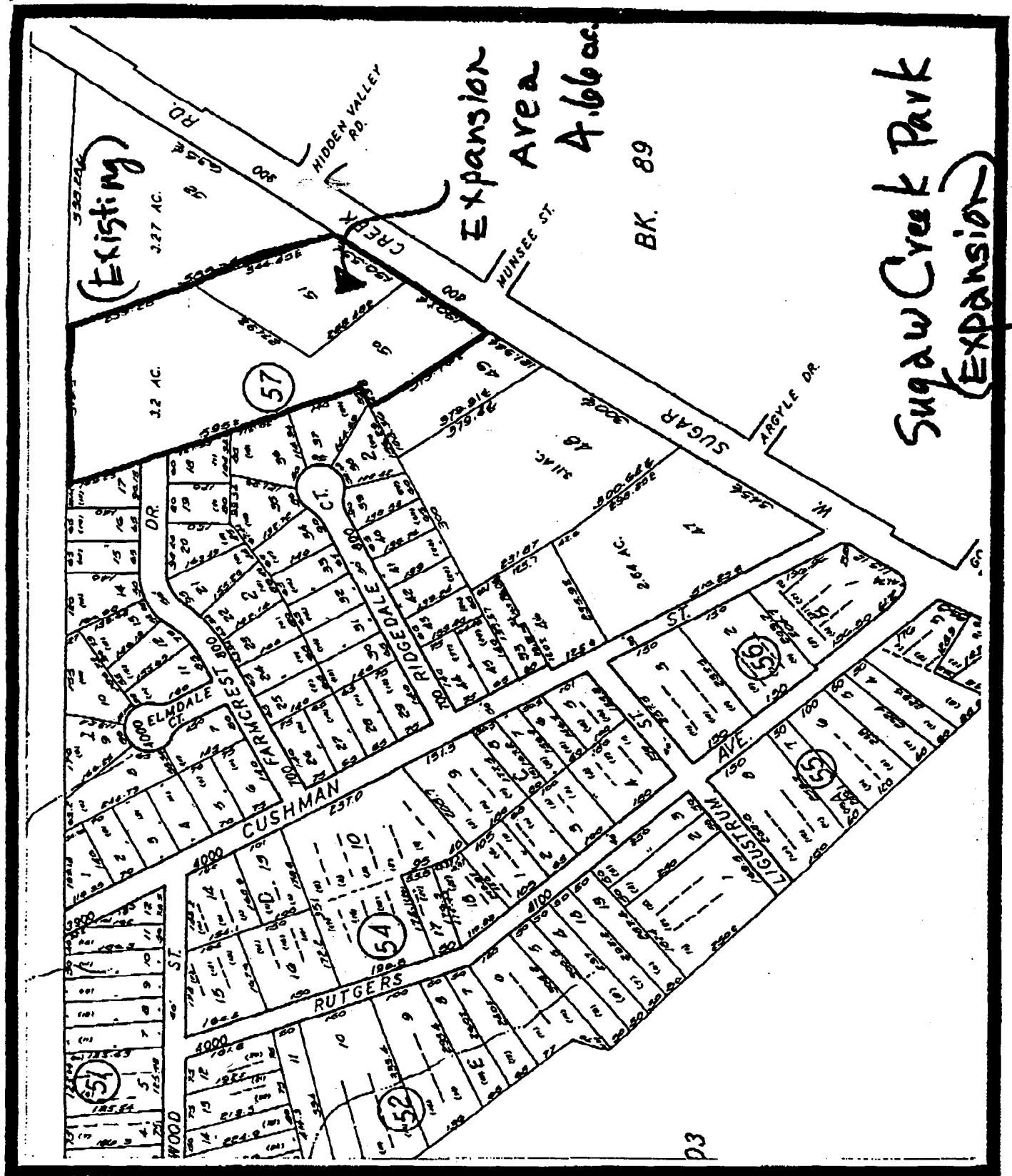
The appraised value of this 4.66 acre site is \$215,000 and will be funded by park bonds, which have already been approved by the voters.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff supports the purchase of this property for the indicated park purposes.

PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Committee unanimously approved the purchase of this property for the indicated park purposes.



Tax Map