



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Michael Cataldo, Associate Planner
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department

FROM: Gwen Cook, Greenway Planner
Greenway Planning & Development Services

DATE: September 15, 2010

RE: Rezoning Petition #2010-072
(Little Sugar-McMullen Creek Greenways Overland Connector)
Quail Corners Associates Renovation and Expansion

This is the first communication concerning this rezoning petition. We encourage staff and the Planning Commission to consider Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department's (MCPR) comments. We suggest that these comments be incorporated into the staff review notes and written into the Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis to the fullest extent possible. These steps should ensure MCPR's notes are conveyed to and incorporated by the petitioner during plan revision.

Located in the South Park District the frontage of this property is to serve as an overland connector for the greenway system, connecting Little Sugar Creek Greenway to McMullen Creek Greenway. The overland connector is to consist of a 10' wide sidewalk with an 8' wide planting strip along Sharon Road West and an 8' wide sidewalk and 8' planting strip along Park Road. The difference between the request for the two roads reflects the presence of a bike lane on Park Road. This overland connector is especially important because of the land challenges in continuing McMullen Creek Greenway upstream. This may be the only connection between proposed Little Sugar Creek Greenway and existing McMullen Creek Greenway, Lower McAlpine Creek Greenway and Four Mile Creek Greenway for many years to come (allowing greenway users to travel east-west in the southern part of the county). It is my understanding AASHTO will allow a minimum 8' wide multi-use trail.

Greenway staff has conferred with the Charlotte Department of Transportation. MCPR requests the dedication of public ROW to allow the overland connector to be constructed within the public ROW (or public easement if necessary to accommodate setbacks) along both Sharon Road West and Park Road as described herein and allowing for CDOT future roadway plans. The connector would be constructed by others some time after Little Sugar Creek Greenway is constructed under and south of Sharon Road West.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Copy to: James R. Garges, Director
W. Lee Jones, Division Director, Capital Planning Services
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