

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

<u>SENT ELECTRONICALLY THIS DATE</u> NO HARDCOPY TO FOLLOW

TO: Michael Cataldo, Associate Planner

Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department

FROM: Gwen Cook, Greenway Planner

Greenway Planning & Development Services

DATE: December 16, 2011

RE: Rezoning Petition #2012-011(McMullen Creek Greenway)

Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission (PID #185-091-24)

This is the first communication concerning this property. 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 at the intersection of Randolph Road and Meadowood Lane and on the north side of McMullen Creek, this parcel includes a greenway corridor that has been approved as part of the 2008 Greenway Master Plan.

MCPR requests, as a minimum, the conveyance of the 100' SWIM buffer of this parcel for greenway to Mecklenburg County with the exception of any pond area that remains after construction. In addition, the petitioner is asked to provide a 40' wide greenway access easement to an appropriate location easement within the development to serve the clients and staff. MCPR will work with the developer/petitioner to insure that the greenway can be continuous and the access easement functional for the development and the greenway.

We will be happy to meet with the petitioner.

Copy to: James R. Garges, Director

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Patricia Poteat, General Manager, South Park District