

## **MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

## Park and Recreation Department

## **MEMORANDUM**

## SENT ELECTRONICALLY THIS DATE NO HARDCOPY TO FOLLOW

**TO:** Michael Cataldo, Associate Planner

Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department

**FROM:** Gwen Cook, Greenway Planner

**Capital Planning Division** 

**DATE:** May 25, 2012

**RE:** Rezoning Petition #2012-041 (Walker Branch Greenway)

Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission (PID #201-431-04)

This is the third communication (3/15/12) 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 Steele Creek Road and Sledge Road, Walker Branch runs directly through this parcel. MCPR requests as a minimum the conveyance of approximately 11 acres of property as greenway and park. There will be no programmed ball fields provided at this location. Staff has discussed this request with the petitioner.

MCPR acknowledges that the intended conveyance is show on the rezoning document RZ-1 dated 5.25.12. No construction is requested to allow public input into any plans proposed by Park and Recreation for the 11 acres as Walker Branch Greenway is designed.

Copy to: James R. Garges, Director

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