

## **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:** March 15, 2012

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

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

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 Steele Creek Road and Sledge Road, Walker Branch runs directly through this parcel. MCPR requests as a minimum the conveyance of the shaded area shown on Sheet RZ-1, dated 2/7/12, to Mecklenburg County for greenway. Staff has discussed this request with the petitioner.

Further, MCPR agrees with CDOT and requests the construction of a 10' wide greenway trail, to Mecklenburg County greenway standards, connecting the internal road to Steele Creek Road and Sledge Road intersection. This trail must be placed on land to be dedicated to Mecklenburg County for greenway and tie into the roads as required by CDOT.

Copy to: James R. Garges, Director

W. Lee Jones, Division Director, Capital Planning Services Patricia Poteat, General Manager, South Park District