

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

Capital Planning Division

DATE: April 30, 2012

RE: Rezoning Petition #2012-057 (Toby Creek Greenway Connector)

Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission (PID #049-412-01)

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 North Park Region adjacent to East WT Harris Blvd, a tributary to Toby Creek runs along the north property line. The proposed use for this development is multi-family, specifically student housing to serve UNC Charlotte. MCPR requests that the petitioner work with MCPR to make sure there is a continuous bike-ped connection from this development to existing Toby Creek Greenway, which begins at the traffic light entrance to Town Center shopping center and extends through the campus, connecting to approximately 9 miles of greenway trails. MCPR requests an onsite meeting with the petitioner.

Copy to: James R. Garges, Director

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