

## MECKLENBURG COUNTY Park and Recreation Department

## MEMORANDUM

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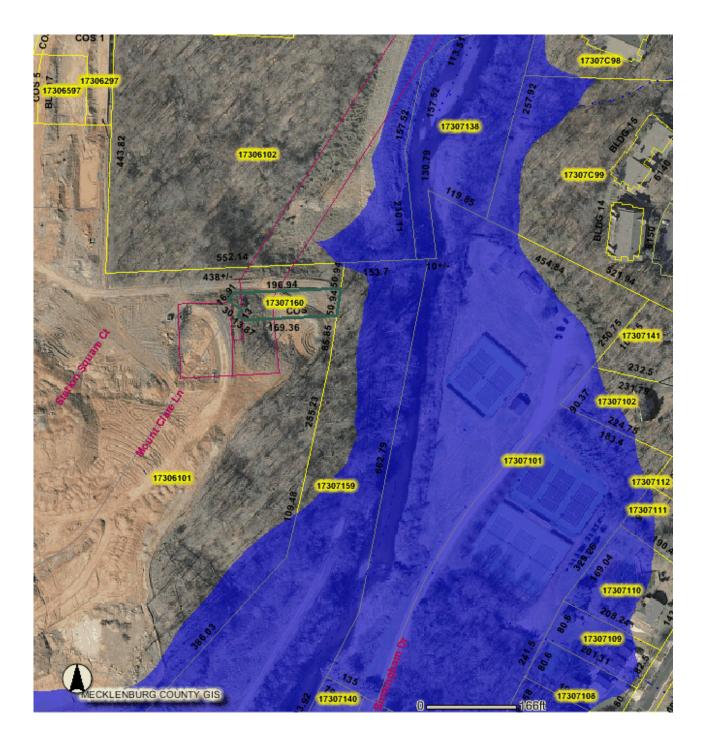
TO:	Michael Cataldo, Associate Planner Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department
FROM:	Gwen Cook, Planner Capital Planning Division
DATE:	July 20, 2012
RE:	Rezoning Petition #2012-048 (Little Sugar Creek Greenway) Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission (PID #173-061-01; 173331-95; 173-331-98)

This is the second communication (5/10/12) 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 on the south side of Archdale Rd. and the west side of Little Sugar Creek, this development is adjacent to a greenway corridor identified in the 2008 Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Greenway Master Plan Update.

MCPR acknowledges that the developer has already provided a parcel of land beside the creek for greenway in a previous rezoning. This contribution to Little Sugar Creek Greenway for public use and enjoyment is very appreciated.

MCPR met with the petitioner on site. Expansion of the currently proposed easement to the north property line is requested to minimize the grade for the greenway access. MCPR also requests that the Planning Department allow the petitioner to consider a donation in lieu of greenway construction and has requested the same of the petitioner. MCPR is awaiting a response.



Copy to: James R. Garges, Director W. Lee Jones, Division Director, Capital Planning Services Greg Clemmer, Superintendent Jacqueline McNeil, Real Estate Program Manager, BSSA