

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:	March 15, 2011
RE:	Rezoning Petition #2011-027 (Flat Branch Greenway) Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission (PID #229-401-98)

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.

The property is located in the South Park District at the southeast corner of Ardrey Kell Road and Rea Road. Flat Branch runs through the property. This creek is included in the 2008 Mecklenburg County Greenway Master Plan to receive a greenway trail.

MCPR requests, as a minimum, the dedication of the 100' SWIM buffer on both sides of the creek for greenway as well as the remnant property to the east.

We will be happy to meet with the petitioner to address any questions.

Copy to: James R. Garges, Director W. Lee Jones, Division Director, Capital Planning Services