

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

<u>SENT ELECTRONICALLY THIS DATE</u> NO HARDCOPY TO FOLLOW

TO: Zenia Duhaney, Associate Planner

Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department

FROM: Joyce Figueroa, Planner

Capital Planning Services

DATE: September 27, 2016

RE: Rezoning Petition #2016-100 - Steele Creek Multi-Family (Walker Branch Gwy-

Walker Branch Dr.) (PID#219-061-17)

This is the fourth communication concerning this petition. 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 site plan revisions.

Parcel #219-061-17 is adjacent to the Walker Branch Greenway corridor as indicated on the 2014 MCPR Master Plan.

MCPR concurs with the petitioner's dedication and conveyance of the 100' SWIM Buffer to Mecklenburg County for future greenway use prior to the issuance of the first certificate of occupancy. Property dedicated to Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation can't have any developed trails that do not meet MCPR Greenway Standards. We further agree with the petitioner providing safe, accessible, pedestrian connectivity to the future Walker Branch Greenway via proposed Bridge/Crossings along the proposed network streets extending Walker Branch Dr. and Rivergate Pkwy.

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