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INFORMATION:

Uptown Urban Trails Connection Study Update

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In partnership with Charlotte Center City Partners, the Charlotte Department of Transportation is leading an effort to develop the Uptown Urban Trail Connections Study.

The goal of this study is to identify challenges to, and solutions for, cycling and walking through Uptown between existing and future greenways and urban trail facilities.

The City is working with a consultant to evaluate options to connect the Little Sugar, Irwin, and Stewart Creek greenways. This study also evaluates linking the South End and Uptown segments of the Rail Trail and the future Mooresville to Charlotte Trail. This study will recommend a comprehensive bicycle network, including concepts and cost estimates.

On Tuesday through Thursday, June 14-16, a series of stakeholder interview sessions will be held to obtain public input and ideas. Stakeholder invitations will be sent to a cross section of Uptown and adjacent neighborhood businesses, community organizations, bicycle advocates, and other Uptown venues. These small group sessions will provide opportunity to review public support for additional bicycle facilities and potential infrastructure locations.

On Thursday, July 28 a public workshop will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center to obtain input. City Council and the public are invited to attend at any time during this workshop and provide comments about findings to date. As the public workshop date approaches, additional information will be provided.

2015 Drinking Water Quality Report Arrives in Mailboxes Next Week

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Starting the week of June 6, all residents in Mecklenburg County will receive the 2015 drinking water quality report in their mailboxes. Charlotte Water used to provide the annual report via an enclosure in a water bill to be more environmentally friendly. However, recent events across the country in municipalities like Flint, MI have raised the importance of drinking water quality awareness. This year, Charlotte Water wanted to ensure that every customer would have the report, could read it in its entirety, and feel confident about the quality of drinking water it provides.

On June 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Charlotte Water Environmental Services Facility (4222 Westmont Drive) Charlotte Water Director, Barry Gullet and Mecklenburg County Health Director, Dr. Stephen Keener will conduct a short press conference to announce the results published in the report.