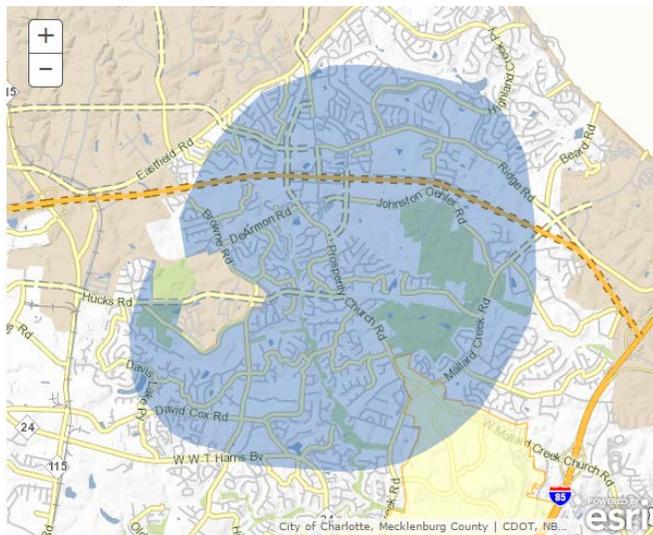




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## CNIP Team Focuses on What Matters

The Prosperity Village Comprehensive Neighborhood Improvement Program (CNIP) team recently met with public and private sector stakeholders to gather feedback related to potential projects. Stakeholders included representatives from North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), City and County agencies, real estate agencies, consultants, and community leaders of Highland Creek and surrounding neighborhoods. The team hosted three separate focus groups for private developers, government agencies and neighborhood leaders for feedback on specific areas of interest. During the focus groups, each stakeholder group identified transportation – vehicular and public transit - and connectivity as top priorities. The focus groups will be instrumental in identifying community opportunities and constraints, along with prioritizing the public investment projects. The outcome will be a listing of recommended high, medium and low priority investment projects. The CNIP team will soon begin planning a second round of focus group meetings and a larger public meeting in the spring.



### **Community Investment Plan**

The Community Investment Plan is a program designed to leverage public infrastructure and private investments, sustains Charlotte's assets, and addresses a broad array of existing community needs to create Charlotte's future.

*The Community Investment Plan accomplishes several goals:*

- Creating jobs and growing the tax base
- Leveraging public and private investments
- Enhancing public safety
- Enhancing transportation choices and mobility
- Ensuring housing diversity
- Providing integrated neighborhood improvements



## [Continued Outreach for the Cross Charlotte Trail](#)

Plans are currently underway to initiate the master plan of the Cross Charlotte Trail to advance several segments of the project. The section of the extension that will run through Cordelia Park is under design and is projected to be completed by mid-2016. Extending the Trail from Brandywine Road to Tyvola Road is currently in preliminary design and is projected to be completed by 2018.



*Cross Charlotte Trail – Little Sugar Creek Greenway Extension Tyvola to Brandywine*

Completion of the master plan will allow the City to prepare timing and sequence for other segments of the trail. Outreach related to the trail is ongoing, with the most recent effort being a community workshop held at the Queens University Sports Conference Center. Approximately 250 residents attended the meeting to identify potential uses for the trail and the amenities they would like the trail to include.

[See what some attendees said about the trail.](#)



## Phase II of the Toby Creek Greenway to Begin Shortly

Phase II of the Toby Creek Greenway project will extend the existing greenway by one mile and will run through UNCC's campus. This new section of greenway will parallel University City Boulevard under Harris Boulevard as an overland connector. The greenway will then traverse under Chancellor Park Drive and along Toby Creek through a variety of vegetated areas, wildlife, steep terrain and rock formations at the creek banks.

This greenway extension project will provide pedestrian and bicycle connectivity for the adjacent residential communities to Towne Centre Plaza, UNCC, University Place and the Mallard Creek Greenway. Public parking will be available at Kirk Farm Fields on Mallard Creek Church Road part of the Mallard Creek Greenway for access to this new portion of greenway.

Phase II of the project is funded by a combination of congestion mitigation and air quality grant funds, and Area Plan Implementation Program dollars from prior CIP appropriations. The completion of this project will serve as a critical segment of the Cross Charlotte Trail in the University Area. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2015 and be available for use in spring 2016.



## Developing the University City Area Plan

In December, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department and Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) hosted a community meeting where residents had the opportunity to learn about what's included in the draft University City Area Plan. The meeting focused on policy recommendations for land use, community

design, transportation and open space within University City. Northeast Corridor Infrastructure (NECI) funds will be used at station areas to assist with plan implementation. NECI is a collection of projects selected to improve pedestrian, bicyclist and motorist access to the CATS Blue Line Extension (BLE). This investment will help implement station area plans along the BLE as well as provide broader connections to other community investments like the Cross-Charlotte Trail and Mecklenburg County greenway system. These investments also contribute to the safe and functional access to key academic, cultural, and creative class destinations along the northeast corridor, like UNCC, NoDa (North Davidson Street Area) and the envisioned Applied Innovation Corridor area.

The draft document is posted on the [University City Area Plan project page](#). Planning staff will accept comments from the community regarding draft recommendations throughout the review and adoption process, which began in January. Opportunity for public comment will be available during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting (exact date to be determined). Affected property owners will receive a notification about the public comment period by mail and information will also be available on the project website.



### [CMPD Westover Division Station Groundbreaking](#)

On Jan. 7, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and city partners broke ground for the Westover Division headquarters. CMPD Westover Division officers will share the 16,000 square-foot facility with Neighborhood & Business Services' Southwest Service Area Team. This facility will be the City's second department-shared facility and the first to pursue LEED v.4 certification, the U.S Green Building Council's updated building efficiency rating system. This project is fully funded as part of the adopted FY2014-2018 CIP.

[Click here](#) to hear City leaders weigh in on the importance of the new facility within the community.