



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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NO HARDCOPY TO FOLLOW

TO: Solomon Fortune, Associate Planner
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission

FROM: Joe Mangum, Greenway Planner
Greenway Planning & Development Division

DATE: February 20, 2008

RE: Rezoning Petition # 2008-046 (PID # 145-311-01)

This is the first correspondence from Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department (MCPR) regarding rezoning petition #2008-046. We suggest that these comments be incorporated into the Planning Commission 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 petitioner's property is located in the Central I Park District and straddles Irwin Creek, a greenway corridor identified in the 1999 Mecklenburg County Greenway Master Plan. Additionally, the petitioner's property is adjacent to Amay James Park. The requested easements below represent a critical greenway linkage between Amay James Park and additional County owned property upstream of the site with future development of greenway downstream at City Park, site of the old Charlotte Coliseum.

MCPR requests a 100' wide easement parallel to Irwin Creek on the northern side of the creek for greenway development. The easement should encompass the existing sewer right-of-way scar to the extent possible while meandering around the plant facilities. Additionally, MCPR requests a 100' wide easement along the eastern property line from Irwin Creek east and south to the property corner nearest Pressley Rd. This easement will allow for a neighborhood greenway connection to Whitehurst Rd. and the multi-family neighborhood near Pressley Rd.

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