



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Solomon Fortune, Associate Planner
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission

FROM: Gwen Cook, Greenway Planner
Greenway Planning & Development Division

DATE: February 20, 2008

RE: Rezoning Petition # 2008-053 Whitehall Corporate Center (overland connector)

This is the first correspondence from Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department (MCPR) regarding rezoning petition #2008-053. 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 properties are located in the Southwest Park District on Arrowood Road just east of I-485. A Lynx light rail transit station exists at South Boulevard. The 1999 Mecklenburg County Greenway Master Plan identifies Steele Creek, Coffey Creek, Sugar Creek, Kings Branch and Little Sugar Creek as a future greenway corridors and a significant and lengthy overland connector for these greenways is envisioned for Arrowood Road/Starbrook Drive.

General comments

- MCPR requests that the petitioner provide a minimum 8' wide planting strip and 8' wide sidewalks along Arrowood Road.
- MCPR will continue to work with CDOT to refine this request.

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Feel free to contact me at (704) 432-1570 if you should have any further questions.

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