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## INFORMATION:

### **“Charlotte Green Tour” Technology Application**

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The City of Charlotte has released the Charlotte Green Tour application for smart phones, tablets, and computers to convey the story of environmental sustainability investments in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. The application highlights specific assets located in the Charlotte area as well as partnerships the City has formed with entities like Envision Charlotte, which aim to make Uptown the most environmentally sustainable center city in the country.

Charlotte Green Tour presents the environmental assets by “theme”:

- Energy & Water – includes EECBG projects, solar installations, vegetated buffers and creeks;
- Solid Waste – includes center city recycling opportunities;
- Air & Transportation – includes B-cycle and electric vehicle charging station locations;
- Parks & Green Space – includes Mecklenburg County parks; and
- Envision Charlotte Sites – includes buildings participating in Smart Energy Now and Smart Water Now.

A special theme, entitled “Green Star”, highlights environmentally-friendly features along Tryon Street in the Charlotte center city. Content for the application was developed in collaboration with Mecklenburg County.

On mobile devices, the Green Tour application generates a walking route for use in Uptown Charlotte. On a desktop computer, the application generates a story map version. The application detects the type of device from which the link is accessed and presents either the desktop or mobile version.

Follow this link to access the application: <http://maps.charlottenc.gov/greentour/>

### **Community Sponsorships of Additional Uptown Recycling Containers**

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Solid Waste Services (SWS) has installed three additional dual station BigBelly refuse receptacles in Uptown to provide pedestrians additional opportunity to recycle and properly dispose of trash. The solar-powered containers were funded through a sponsorship agreement with Duke Energy and are wrapped with messaging that promotes recycling, an example of which is displayed below. The containers located at the following sites:

- 200 East Stonewall and College Street (across from the Westin Hotel)

- 400 South College Street (across from Fuel Pizza; at the Convention Center’s front entrance)
- 200 East Trade Street and College Street (at the EpiCentre)

In addition to Duke Energy’s sponsorship, SWS has also partnered with ReCommunity to purchase seventeen additional steel recycling containers to expand the on-street recycling program in Uptown. Forty five steel recycling containers are wrapped with graphics that include a sustainability message to encourage Uptown pedestrians to make use of the containers and help reduce the amount of materials taken to the landfill.



**Chapel Cove Rezoning Lawsuit**

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E. Lee Garrett, Jr., David P. Chavoustie, and Christine W. Chavoustie have filed a lawsuit claiming that the City Council’s June 25, 2012 approval of rezoning petition 2011-65 for the Chapel Cove development was arbitrary and capricious. The City is rarely sued over a rezoning and the burden on the plaintiffs is extremely high. Staff will keep Council informed as this case progresses.