

Appendix C

**Cornelius Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan
Interviews with Community / Agency Stakeholders**

February 1 & 2, 2005

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Interest in Parks/Recreation:

Years in Community: _____

What do you like most about living in Cornelius?

What do you like least?

What role do local parks and recreation offerings (facilities & programs) play in the quality of life of this community?

What role should they be playing?

What things are the Cornelius Parks and Recreation Department doing right (facilities & programs)?

What things could the Cornelius Parks and Recreation Department improve upon?

In the next ten years, the Cornelius Parks and Recreation Department should:

Cornelius is one of northern Mecklenburg County's fastest growing towns; it is surrounded by two other rapidly growing towns (Huntersville & Davidson). What relationship should Cornelius have with the neighboring towns, and how could that relationship be developed/improved upon?

As a Mecklenburg County township, Cornelius residents also fall under the umbrella of Mecklenburg County's Parks and Recreation Department. What role should the County play in providing park programs and facilities to local residents? How can the Town of Cornelius facilitate a joint use strategy with the County to maximize resources?

What role should Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools be playing in providing opportunities for park and recreation activities in northern Mecklenburg County?

The following statements are about parks and recreation facilities in the Town of Cornelius. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the statement:

	Strongly Agree		Strongly Disagree
Additional public parks and recreation facilities would benefit my community	1	2	3
			4
Public parks and recreation areas enhance the economic health of a community	1	2	3
			4
Public park and recreation areas should be a priority for local governments	1	2	3
			4
Property taxes should be used to fund public parks and recreation areas in the Town of Cornelius	1	2	3
			4
Public parks and recreation activities in my community would help reduce crime.....	1	2	3
			4
There is an adequate number of public park and recreation facilities in the Town of Cornelius.....	1	2	3
			4

Based on what you know or have heard, would you say there is a great need, some need, little need, or no need for public parks in the Town of Cornelius?

Great need	1
Some need	2
Little need	3
No need	4

Please rate the following statements on a scale of 1 to 5, where "1" is Very Important, and "5" is Not At All Important.

	Very Important				Not At All Important
It is important to preserve the cultural heritage of the Town of Cornelius	1	2	3	4	5

It is important to preserve and conserve open space in the Town of Cornelius.....	1	2	3	4	5
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Public parks and recreation areas are important to the quality of life in the town of Cornelius.....	1	2	3	4	5
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Do you currently use a public park in the Town of Cornelius?

Yes	1
No.....	2

In the last year, how many times have you visited a public park?

1-5	1
6-10	2
11-25	3
26-50	4
More than 50	5
Not at all (skip to ques 6).....	6

What public park do you visit most often? _____

The following is a list of activities that may be available at a public park or indoor recreational facility. In which of these activities to you or someone in your household currently participate or would like to participate in in the future:

	Yes	No
Youth or adult baseball or softball.....	1.....	2.....
Youth or adult basketball	1.....	2.....
Biking (Mountain biking, Tour, or BMX)	1.....	2.....
Instructional camps, such as sports, crafts, or arts.....	1.....	2.....
Crafts, such as pottery, woodworking, or sewing.....	1.....	2.....
Dance	1.....	2.....
Disc golf (often referred to as “Frisbee” golf)	1.....	2.....
Drama.....	1.....	2.....
Fishing.....	1.....	2.....
Fitness programs such as aerobics, weightlifting or yoga		
Youth or adult football.....	1.....	2.....
Gardening.....	1.....	2.....
Golf	1.....	2.....
Lacrosse	1.....	2.....
Musical concerts or events.....	1.....	2.....
Nature or environmental programs	1.....	2.....
Camping or hiking	1.....	2.....
Picnic areas	1.....	2.....
Programs for people with disabilities		
(e.g., Special Olympics, adaptive, or therapeutic sports or arts)	1.....	2.....
Senior citizen programs	1.....	2.....
Roller skating, rollerblading, or skateboarding.....	1.....	2.....
Youth or adult soccer	1.....	2.....
Special events, such as festivals or community celebrations.....	1.....	2.....
Swimming.....	1.....	2.....
Tennis.....	1.....	2.....
Track and field	1.....	2.....
Painting, photography, drawing, or other visual arts	1.....	2.....
Volleyball.....	1.....	2.....
Walking or jogging	1.....	2.....
Canoeing, kayaking, or sailing.....	1.....	2.....
Poetry or literature classes	1.....	2.....
Any other activities	1.....	2.....

Specify these other activities:

What other types of recreational facilities would you like to see in the Town of Cornelius?

	Yes	No
Recreation or community center	1.....	2.....
Greenways (public walking or bicycling trails/corridors)	1.....	2.....
Cultural arts facility	1.....	2.....
Athletic fields.....	1.....	2.....
Aquatic facility.....	1.....	2.....
Open space (undeveloped land in urban or rural areas for wildlife, passive activities, or viewsheds)	1.....	2.....
Any other types of recreational facilities	1.....	2.....

Please specify these activities:

How satisfied are you with the public parks and facilities in the Town of Cornelius:

Very satisfied	1
Satisfied.....	2
Somewhat Satisfied.....	3
Not at all Satisfied.....	4

In the last 12 months, have you participated in any activities sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department in the Town of Cornelius?

Yes	1
No (skip to ques 11).....	2

How satisfied were you with the activities you participated in?

Very satisfied	1
Satisfied.....	2
Somewhat Satisfied.....	3
Not at all Satisfied.....	4

Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements about how public parks and recreation areas should be funded in the Town of Cornelius:

Current taxes	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
New taxes.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
Private donations.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
Matching grants	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
Government bonds.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
Some other source.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....

Please specify the other source:

Would you recommend the authorization of bonds to be sold by the Town of Cornelius to support new park facilities and/or programs?

Yes1
No.....2

On an annual basis, how much more would you be willing to pay to improve parks and recreation facilities in the Town of Cornelius?

\$1-\$501
\$51-\$1002
\$101-\$2003
More than \$2004
Nothing5