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Dear Commissioners Ella B. Scarborough, Chair, At-Large,
and Jim Puckett, Vice chair

The Chantilly Neighborhood Association (CNA) requests you take immediate steps to plan and fund a complete county greenway network by 2035. We believe it would not only enhance health and transportation benefits of our neighborhood, but equitably serve the entire county.

We also request you revisit the CIP approved last year where the county designated planning of our adjoining Briar Creek greenway be delayed until 2023. As you may recall, that was a bond project, approved by a majority of the county, that originally was to be complete this year.

Investment now in our greenways and parks will pay off in both property values and creating new recreational opportunities for tourists and citizens across Mecklenburg County. Greenways serve as an important urban ecological resource and terrific potential transportation alternatives for our rapidly growing county.

Our county has the resources and resolve to immediately plan and construct at a pace of 9-10 miles per year. It is a shame we have fallen behind similar communities, such as Wake County, in greenway construction.

We otherwise support the request made by Greenways for Mecklenburg that the county commit to a rapid build initiative before land values become prohibitively expensive. We also ask you properly fund our parks department on other projects to not only serve our current populace, but to adequately plan for the coming population explosion. Preserving greenspace for posterity should be a top priority.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

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cc: Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners