



July 6, 2018

Mr. Lee Jones, Director
Mecklenburg County Government
Park & Recreation Department
5841 Brookshire Boulevard
Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

Dear Lee,

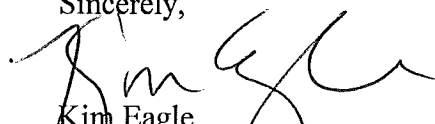
I am writing this letter in full support of naming a portion of the Mallard Creek Greenway in honor of Barry Gullet. Barry has faithfully served the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and the State of North Carolina for 39 years. As the past director of Charlotte Water, Gullet spent his career ensuring the provision of both high quality drinking water and safe sanitary sewer service for the residents of Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

Barry's leadership included the creation of the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group (CWWMG), which funds and manages projects that ensure the ability of the Catawba-Wateree River to provide adequate water supply into the next century in a way that maintains the river's health. Under Barry's leadership – he has served as the Board Chair since the CWWMG founding – the non-profit has developed a long-term water supply master plan that has become a model for other river basins in the country.

Barry's skill as a collaborative and regional thinker is also seen in our current greenway system, network of nature preserves, and other lands conserved in Mecklenburg County. Throughout his career, which began in 1978, Barry worked in partnership with the County and others to help route greenway trails through Charlotte Water sites, purchase land for water quality conservation that is now managed by the County, and find a collaborative way to improve access for residents to our natural assets.

Finally, Barry's support of greenways goes beyond his professional career. Barry has used and improved the greenways through scouting merit badge projects and stream clean-ups, taught scouts the joys of cycling on the greenway system, and by simply spending time with his family on the Mallard Creek greenway.

Sincerely,



Kim Eagle
Assistant City Manager