



# PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

# The Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Commission is an advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners; as parks, greenways, nature preserves and recreation centers are long-term assets for our Livable Community.

The work of the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) is driven by a set of core priorities:



## Land Acquisition and Preservation

Advocate for the increased level of service required by our growing region



## Adequate Funding

Ensure operations, capital investment, and staffing funds keep up with growth



## BOCC Support

Advise and recommend policy best practices based on citizen input



## Equity and Access

Ensure programs, policies, and capital development serve the community fairly



## Community Engagement

Build partnerships and elevate the voices of communities served by MCPR

# PRC and Advisory Council Members



## PRC

- **13 volunteers appointed by the BOCC with diverse backgrounds**
  - Landscape architect
  - Master Naturalist
  - Recreation specialist
  - Attorney
  - Educator
  - Healthcare professional
  - Runners
  - Cyclists
  - Mecklenburg County natives



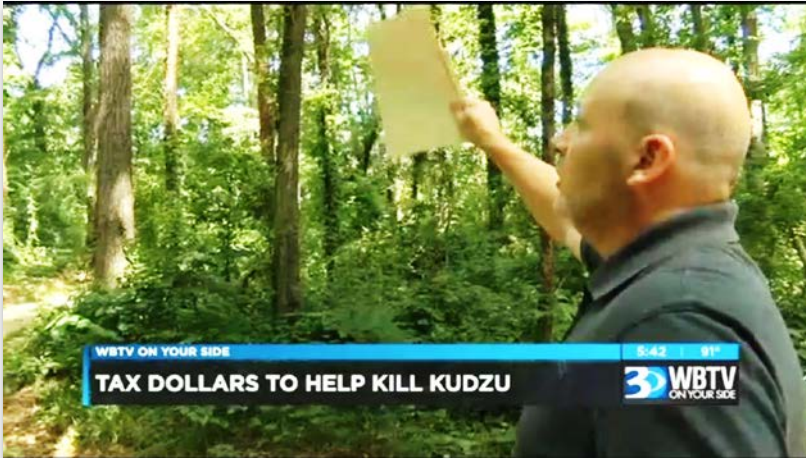
## PRC Advisory Councils

- **108 volunteers across 10 councils to support the PRC**
  - Intramural sports coordinator
  - Coaches
  - Sports Hall of Fame winner
  - Cyclists
  - Hikers
  - Runners
  - Golfers
  - Neighborhood advocates
  - Wildlife habitat steward
  - Birder
  - Urban planner
  - Educators
  - Boy Scout leader
  - Former Chamber of Commerce
  - Recreation specialist
  - Town Park and Rec advisors
  - Masters and PhDs in forestry, biology, and engineering





Worked with concerned seniors on a rec center transportation voucher program



Funding advocacy to establish an Invasive Species Management program



Supported the Greenway Advisory Council effort to complete a connected 200-mile greenway system

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## Impact



Partnership with staff to begin the MCPR Master Plan update process



Realigned PRC and advisory council meeting and reporting for better engagement and public input

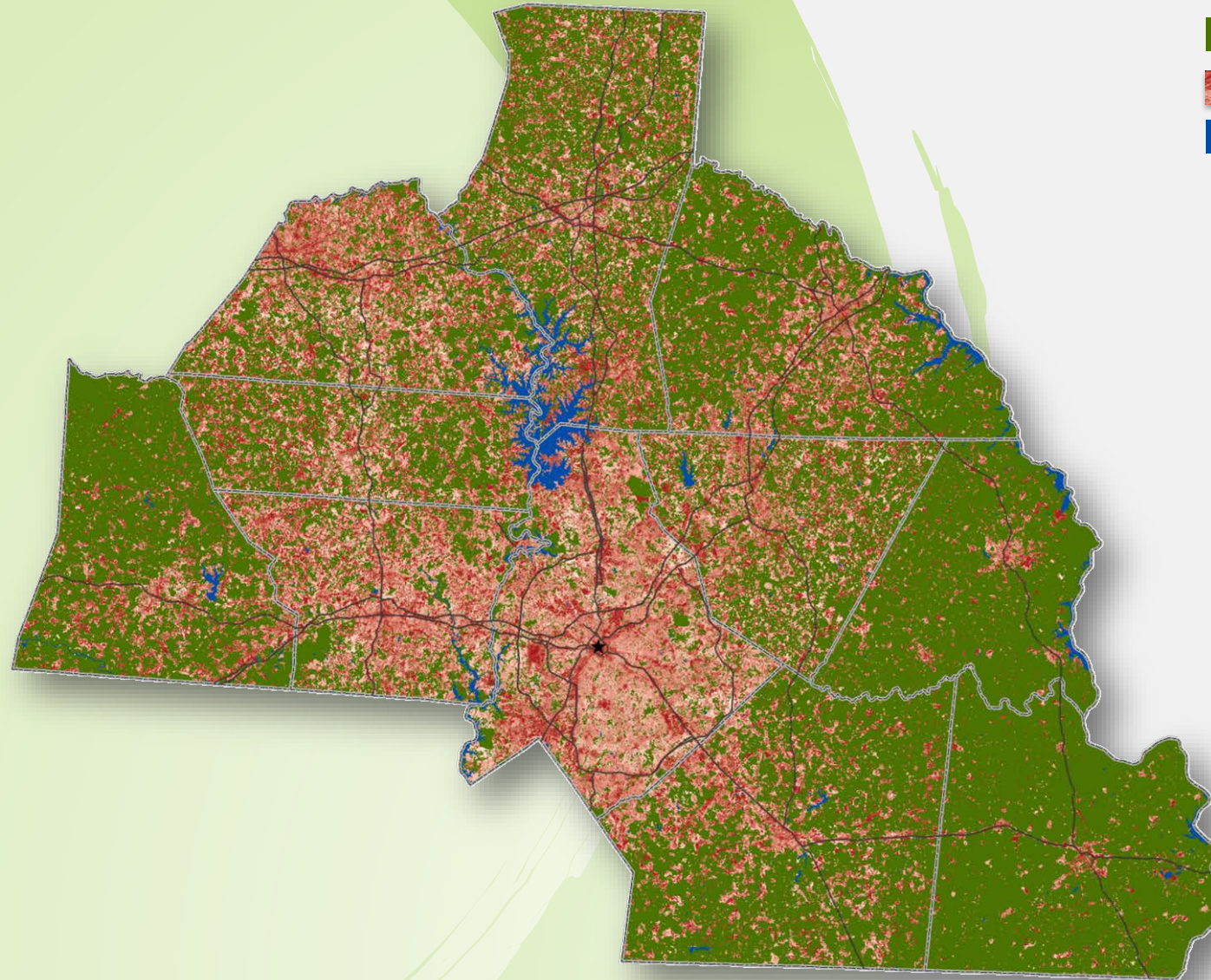
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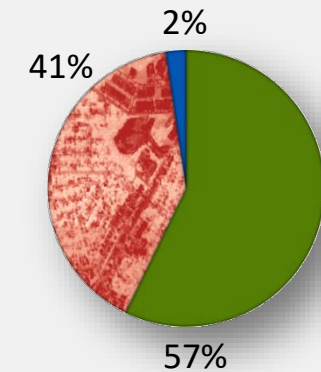


# Projected Land Use by 2030

52 acres per day conversion rate



- Undeveloped Land
- Developed Land
- Water
- ★ Charlotte



# 2019 Focus

continued advocacy for a quality livable community

- Making the case for accelerated growth in Park and Recreation land holdings, facilities and services to match the pace of our growing community
- Advocacy for innovative funding mechanisms at the appropriate levels to maintain our existing investments
- Collaboration with City of Charlotte, Towns, neighborhood groups, community partners and non-profits for input on the 2019 Master Plan
- Engaging community through stronger presence and awareness of the PRC's role





# THANK YOU

HEIDI PRUESS, CHAIR  
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