

Subject Line: Please Help Protect 14 Acres of Urban Woodland in Cotswold

To: Find Your District Commissioner Here: <https://bocc.mecknc.gov/contact>

Dear Commissioner [Last Name],

I'm writing as a Mecklenburg County resident to urge you to support The Cotswold Conservancy's efforts to protect a rare urban forest in South Charlotte.

Just 10 minutes south of Uptown, 9.24 acres of mature woodland are at risk of development, with a larger conservation vision encompassing up to 14 acres. This land is home to established tree canopy, wildlife habitats, and natural creek corridors that are becoming increasingly rare in our growing city.

I'm asking Mecklenburg County to prioritize this conservation opportunity and commit funding toward permanent land protection and expanded public park access.

This is about more than saving trees. It's an opportunity to create a lasting public resource that connects our neighborhoods, schools, and existing parks through safe walking and biking trails. South Charlotte needs more accessible green space, particularly in neighborhoods where pedestrian and cycling connections are limited.

[Add a sentence or two explaining why this matters to you personally—whether you are a parent, nearby resident, cyclist, or simply a person that values Charlotte's natural spaces. Your individual perspective will make these emails more meaningful than dozens of identical messages].

I urge the County to work with The Cotswold Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, and other community partners to explore acquisition funding and a long-term conservation strategy before this opportunity is lost.

Once this forest is gone, we cannot get it back.

Please help make its protection a priority and let me know what steps the County can take to move this effort forward.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Neighborhood / ZIP Code]