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**Fw: Why is Derita Park on W. Craighead Rd. 28206 being neglected?**

Gary Marion [gmarionsr@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2018 10:40 AM

**To:** mayor@charlottenc.gov; Larken Egleston [larken.egleston@charlottenc.gov]; Pat.cotham@MeckNC.Gov; chris.Hunter@Mecknc.gov; Monica Fuller (Sen. Joel Ford) [Forddla@ncleg.net]

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My name is Gary W. Marion and I reside at 812 W. Craighead Rd. in Charlotte, NC 28206. Can someone explain to the residents why; The Parks & Recreation Department have no funds to clean up "Derita Park" which has been neglected for years on W. Craighead Rd. Yet, the City Manager can approve raises for people who have no increase in responsibilities? This is unacceptable to say the least! Our neighborhood deserves more! This would not happen in neighborhoods with an average median income of over \$100,000! Where are the true leaders in this city? I spoke with a Mr. Chris Hunter who is the North Region Manager of Charlotte Parks & Recreation in August regarding cleanup of Derita Creek Park. He informed me that he does not have the man power to handle this task anytime soon! Furthermore, he stated he may have to get volunteers for this task! Based on all of the beautiful parks and wooded area that I have seen since moving to Charlotte (18 months ago), I find that baffling to say the least! The residents of W. Craighead Rd. deserve a clean well kept community!

<https://www.wncnc.com/article/news/the-defenders-charlotte-leaders-get-raises-after-passing-tax-hike/275-608119730>

I find it sad that people holding positions in the City of Charlotte have no leadership skills! You ask for the peoples vote when running for a position. Yet, you ignore the communities that they live in when it comes to safety & cleanliness!

*I am calling you out!* Each person that has received this email is invited for a tour of Derita Park on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 @ 11am. *I am calling you out!* The park is located between 1053 W. Craighead Rd. & Drury Dr. *I am calling you out* because someone needs to take responsibility!

On behalf of the residents on W. Craighead Road, we thank you in advance for your prompt attention regarding this matter!

Sincerely,

Gary W. Marion  
812 W. Craighead Rd.

Charlotte, NC 28206  
(617) 905-4662

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**From:** Gary Marion <gmarionsr@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 28, 2018 5:14 PM  
**To:** newsdesk@wccbcharlotte.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Derita Why is Creek Park on W. Craighead Rd. 28206 being neglected?

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**From:** Gary Marion <gmarionsr@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** mayor@charlottenc.gov; Larken Egleston; infocrc@charlottenc.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Derita Why is Creek Park on W. Craighead Rd. 28206 being neglected?

Greetings,

My name is Gary W. Marion and I reside at 812 W. Craighead Rd. in Charlotte, NC 28206. Can someone explain to me why the Parks & Recreation Department has no funds to clean up Derita Park which has been neglected for years on W. Craighead Rd. Yet, the City Manager can approve raises for people who have no increase in responsibilities? This is unacceptable to say the least! Our neighborhood deserves more! This would not happen in neighborhoods with an average median income of over \$100,000! Where are the true leaders in this city? I'll wait...

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gary Marion <gmarionsr@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018 10:18 AM  
**To:** Pat.cotham@MeckNC.Gov  
**Subject:** Fw: Derita Creek Park on W. Craighead Rd. 28206

Greetings,

Thank you in advance for your concern regarding our community! I sent this email to Chris Hunter who is Regional Manager with Charlotte Mecklenburg Parks & Recreation Department on September 5, 2018. He say's "They have no \$\$ for cleanup and would need volunteers"! I do not believe that what so ever! Thanks again for listening!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gary Marion <gmarionsr@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 12:41 PM  
**To:** Larken Egleston; Lyles, Viola; Mayor Jennifer Roberts  
**Cc:** Gary Marion  
**Subject:** Fw: Derita Creek Park

Greetings,

I spoke with a Mr. Chris Hunter who is the North Region Manager of Charlotte Parks & Recreation today regarding cleanup of Derita Creek Park. He informed me that he does not have the man power to handle this task anytime soon! Furthermore, he stated he may have to get volunteers for this task! Based on all of the beautiful parks and wooded area that I have seen since moving to Charlotte (18 months ago), I find that baffling to say the least! What can be done for him to get assistance with this project? We the residents of W. Craighead Rd. appreciate any and all assistance regarding this matter!

Sincerely,

Gary W. Marion  
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Charlotte, NC. 28206  
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**From:** Gary Marion  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 12:28 PM  
**To:** chris.Hunter@Mecknc.gov  
**Cc:** Gary Marion  
**Subject:** Derita Creek Park

Greetings Mr. Hunter,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me regarding the cleanup of Derita Creek Park on W. Craighead Rd. I have attached some video of the area that has not been cleaned in quite a while! Thank you in advance for you attention regarding our issues on W. Craighead Rd. in Charlotte 28206

Sincerely,

Gary W. Marion  
812 W. Craighead Rd.  
Charlotte, NC 28206  
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