

## **Triangle Parks Coordinating Metro District Executive Summary**

The City Council is being asked to approve the creation of a coordinating metro district under Section 32 of the State Statutes to be utilized as a tool in addressing the complex issues in and around the Triangle Parks located on Broadway. The City and the district proponents realize the district is not the sole solution and further work will need to occur when the physical improvements needed in the parks are determined. Nevertheless, the district's purpose would be to enter into agreements, coordinate volunteer efforts, make improvements to the physical environments of the parks, and seek funding from private sources as well as governmental sources.

The board of the district would be appointed from landowners, residents and representatives of stakeholder organizations, all of whom would be qualified as electors of the district. Improvements will be funded from private stakeholders as well as federal and state funding sources. Any funds the district acquires by state and federal funding sources will be approved by the City to ensure that the district is not competing with the City for the same funding sources. All of the coordination of services will be managed by board members, service providers and volunteers and will be unpaid. The district will not have the power to tax or issue debt.

This would be a very unique use of a metro district because it would not only be improving infrastructure but it would also be a platform to potentially become involved in coordinating service providers and volunteers to deal with the current problems caused by homelessness and drugs that prevail in the Triangle Parks. The district would aid the City in dealing with a serious problem that the City recognizes, but does not have the current resources to address.