



## County section of Carolina Thread Trail gets \$1 million grant

[David Allen](#)

March 19, 2008 - 10:38PM  
davidallen@shelbystar.com

SHELBY - Cleveland County's portion of the Carolina Thread Trail project received a \$1 million donation from the C.D. Spangler Foundation as a part of a \$40 million regional private fundraising campaign.

"While we know it will take much more than this gift to make the Thread Trail a reality, we're honored to get things started," said Carl Spangler in a written statement.

The donation, which was announced to community leaders at a North Lake Country Club luncheon Wednesday, will go toward the planning, design and development of the county's section of the project, which is still in its conceptual phase, Spangler said.

"We are very appreciative of the Spangler family's continued generosity in this region," said Executive Director of Catawba Lands Conservancy Dave Cable in a statement.

The 15-county, two-state trail project, which will be free and accessible to everyone, is a greenway network that will be designed and created through private contributions, according to information from the trail organization.

"The ultimate proposal is to have interconnecting trailways," Spangler said. "It's also an open space appreciation."

The individual communities involved in the trail project will determine the trail sections. Communities can use Carolina Thread Trail grants to help provide matching funds required by state and federal funding sources, the trail brochure read.

[http://www.shelbystar.com/news/trail\\_29647\\_article.html/spangler\\_thread.html](http://www.shelbystar.com/news/trail_29647_article.html/spangler_thread.html)