

Catawba County Parks

Carolina Thread Trail Update

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Since our last update on the Carolina Thread Trail, three public meetings have been held throughout the county. Each event had a brief overview presentation. Then participants broke out into smaller groups, where they were encouraged to draw their trail location wishes on large maps of Catawba County. The meetings were very successful from a planning perspective. There were approximately 40 participants at each open house. Initially, people discussed their wishes and reasoning behind their views, but were reluctant to draw their ideas on the map. Then one-by-one some “brave” person either came forward to do the drawing or was “volunteered” as the designated drawer by the rest of his/her group. By this time everyone was comfortable talking about their ideas, and almost everyone eventually grabbed a marker and “constructed” a trail segment that they felt should be added.

CTT consultants have since combined information from all the maps which were drawn on at the open houses (about 18 maps), and through color coding have distinguished most frequent route requests versus less frequent requests. Meetings with the County Carolina Thread Trail Technical Advisory Team are now being held to further determine route locations. There will be more public meetings when the draft plan is complete to gain additional input.

Route locations, destination connections, and other major decisions, such as determining the material surface of the trails have not been decided. So, if you haven't done so, please [give us your views by filling out a survey](#). It's actually an easy survey to fill out, so it won't take much of your time. Your input is greatly appreciated! You are also encouraged to watch the short video [Carolina Thread Trail Linking Catawba County to 14 Other Counties](#) to learn more about this exciting new effort.

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