



City of Newton, NC
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Citizens invited to Carolina Thread Trail Greenway public forums

Help shape the future of greenways and trails in Catawba County! Catawba County and the Carolina Thread Trail invite all Catawba County residents to attend a public forum for the County's Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan.

Three public forums are scheduled: Tuesday, January 26, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Historic Newton Depot, 1123 North Main Avenue, Newton; Monday, January 25, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sherrills Ford Elementary School cafeteria, 8103 Sherrills Ford Rd., Sherrills Ford; and Thursday, January 28, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Highland Recreation Center community room, 1431 8th St. Dr. NE, Hickory. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the PDF flyer.

Attendees will receive information about the county-wide Greenway Master Plan and share input on its design. The same information will be provided at each public forum. Catawba County, the City of Newton and other municipalities, and the Carolina Thread Trail, along with project consultants Carol R. Johnson Associates and Stewart Engineering, will be present at the forums to share information about the project and to solicit citizen input on where greenway corridors should be located throughout the county.

For more information about the public forums and/or the master plan, visit the Carolina Thread Trail website at <http://www.carolinathreadtrail.org> or contact Mary George with the Catawba County Planning, Parks & Development office at 828-465-8264 or [CLICK HERE](#) to send her an e-mail.

About the Carolina Thread Trail The Carolina Thread Trail is a network of trails, greenways, blueways, and conservation corridors that will eventually reach 15 counties in North and South Carolina. It is a project that connects communities and will be a conservation landmark for the region. The Thread offers opportunities for citizens to bike, hike, fish, paddle, and simply reconnect with nature. The project is all about community. The Thread will be designed, built, and owned by the counties, cities, and citizens through which it is woven. With technical resources and catalytic funding from the Thread, local communities plan and implement their portions of this green interstate system. Catawba Lands Conservancy is the lead agency for the Thread, working in partnership with the Trust for Public Land, Foundation for the Carolinas, and many local partners. About Catawba Lands Conservancy Catawba Lands Conservancy is a regional land trust that permanently protects

land, water, and wildlife habitat to enhance citizens' quality of life. The Conservancy protects over 7,800 acres in Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, and Union counties and is one of 24 land trusts serving North Carolina. Catawba Lands Conservancy is the lead agency for the Carolina Thread Trail, an initiative that will link more than two million citizens with hundreds of miles of trails that wind through fifteen counties in North and South Carolina. For more information, visit <http://www.carolinathreadtrail.org>, <http://www.catawbalands.org> or <http://www.catawbacountync.gov>.

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