

Workshop tonight on Iredell trails plan

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Offer your thoughts at the first of three public workshops tonight on a master plan for trails, greenways and conservation corridors in Iredell County.

Iredell and its communities of Love Valley, Union Grove, Harmony, Mooresville, Troutman and Statesville are developing the countywide master plan for the Carolina Thread Trail, a network of trails, greenways, blueways and conservation corridors linking 15 counties in the Carolinas.

The network will accommodate biking, hiking, fishing, paddling and connecting with nature.

The Thread consists of segments designed, built and owned by the counties and towns through which it travels.

Iredell residents are encouraged to participate in the planning through the workshops and online and written surveys. A public online and hard-copy survey will soon be available, along with an interactive project website via a link on the county's website, www.co.iredell.nc.us.

Tonight's workshop is 7-8:30 at the Iredell County Agricultural Resource Center, 444 Bristol Drive in Statesville.

The other workshops will also be from 7 to 8:30 p.m., July 14 at the Union Grove Community Center, 1869 West Memorial Highway in Harmony, and July 15 at Lowe's YMCA, 170 Joe V. Knox Ave. in Mooresville.

A steering committee made up of staff and local volunteers leads the Iredell effort. Assisting are consultants Alta Planning + Design, a firm specializing in park and trail development, and The Lawrence Group's town planning and landscape architecture studio, which specializes in park, trail and recreation development.

For more details about the Iredell effort, visit www.co.iredell.nc.us or contact Ron Smith, Iredell County director of planning and development, at 704-832-2322 or rsmith@co.iredell.nc.us.

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