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Union County Seeks Public Input for Developing Community's Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan

Indian Trail, N.C. – Union County is hosting a series of public open houses this month to give residents an opportunity to participate in the planning of a countywide master plan for the Carolina Thread Trail (The Thread).

The Thread is a network of trails, greenways, blueways and conservation corridors linking 15 counties in North and South Carolina. It offers a multitude of opportunities for biking, hiking, fishing, paddling and connecting with nature.

The Thread is made up of segments that are designed, built and owned by the counties and towns through which the trail network is woven. All Union residents are encouraged to participate in the planning process, as citizen participation is vital to the successful development of a final plan.

To kick off the planning process, the County will host a series of public meetings starting on July 19. The meetings will take place as follows:

Weddington - July 19, 6:00pm-8:00pm, Weddington Swim & Racquet Club

Waxhaw - July 20, 6:00pm-8:00pm, Museum of the Waxhaws

Indian Trail - July 21, 5:00-7:00pm, Union West Regional Library

Eastern Union County - July 22, 6:00-8:00pm, Union County Cooperative Extension

Residents are welcome to drop in at their convenience to share their ideas or learn more about The Thread. Local representatives from Union County will be available to answer questions, share information about the regional scope of the project, and discuss how to best serve the needs and wishes of community members in Union County.

About The Carolina Thread Trail

The Carolina Thread Trail (The Thread) is a 15-county, two state initiative designed to inspire and facilitate the creation of a regional network of trails, blueways, and conservation corridors that is growing to link more than 2.3 million citizens. 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 Foundation For The Carolinas, and many local partners and land trusts.

About Catawba Lands Conservancy

Catawba Lands Conservancy is dedicated to saving land and connecting lives to nature. The Conservancy protects more than 8,000 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.

Additional Resources:

- www.carolinathreadtrail.org
- www.catawbalands.org

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