

Advantage Carolina supports the Carolina Thread Trail

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Charlotte, N.C. □ The Carolina Thread Trail has received a \$60,000 grant from Advantage Carolina.

Advantage Carolina is a 501c3 that supports and provides allocations for initiatives related to economic development, urban development, education and regionalism. The goal of the regional Carolina Thread Trail is to connect 15 counties surrounding Charlotte through a network of connected trails and conservation corridors developed by local communities. The grant will be dedicated to developing a Carolina Thread Trail master plan for Lincoln County communities.

□The mission of Advantage Carolina is to provide monetary grants for initiatives designed to support the overall economic health of our region,□ said Katie Tyler, Advantage Carolina Board Chair. The immense, long term impact of the Carolina Thread Trail, coupled with the enthusiasm for this project in Lincoln County, make this initiative a perfect fit.□

The Carolina Thread Trail is a regional network of trails, blueways, and conservation corridors. Local communities plan and build their portions of the green interstate system with technical resources and catalytic funding provided by The Thread. Catawba Lands Conservancy is the Lead Agency for The Thread.

□Lincoln County is thrilled to receive a Planning Grant to begin designing and weaving our portion of the Carolina Thread Trail,□ said Jerry Cochrane, Former Chairman Lincoln County Commissioners.

□This is a wonderful opportunity to grow and connect our current greenways with those in the region, providing accessibility to all our residents.□

The Carolina Thread Trail, launched in November 2007, has raised more than \$19 million in cash and land to date, and has received 106 resolutions of support from community and government organizations. Carolina Thread Trail Planning Grants have been awarded in Cabarrus, Chester, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and York Counties.

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 will grow together over time linking more than 2.3 million citizens. With technical resources and catalytic funding from The Thread, local communities will 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.