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Planning Commission endorses 15-county greenway network

The Carolina Thread Trail, a proposed network of greenways in the Charlotte region, won endorsement this week from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

The commission "recognizes by acting now to preserve natural green spaces to build the Thread, our region will be able to gain the associated economic, health and environmental benefits that come with trail systems," Chairman David Howard said.

Nineteen other local governments and community groups have pledged to support the project since it was announced last November.

The project aims to connect communities and points of interest in 15 Carolinas counties.

-- *Bruce Henderson*

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