

Mount Holly unveils segment of Thread Trail

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MOUNT HOLLY — Mount Holly marked the Carolina Thread Trail's presence in its city Tuesday with a celebration.

Paved walkways branching off from Tuckaseege Park were unveiled as an official segment of the trail that will connect 15 counties.

"It puts Mount Holly in a very pivotal spot for having the Thread Trail come right through here," Mayor Robert Whitt said.

The recently-constructed trail in Tuckaseege Park will connect to future portions of the northern and southern ends. The trail runs along the Catawba River and includes primitive fishing spots and a canoe and kayak launch areas.

Mount Holly's portion of the trail is made up of a 10-foot wide paved asphalt surface that runs just under a quarter of a mile. The main leg in Tuck Park directly connects to a secondary greenway that is comprised of a 5-foot-wide concrete trail that includes a loop along Fites Creek.

A sign marking the trail was unveiled during Tuesday morning's celebration.

About 50 people gathered to watch the unveiling, listen to music and get a bite to eat.

The \$1.3 million expansion of Tuckaseege Park got under way last year.

City Council approved plans for the park expansion in July 2007, agreeing to fund \$800,000 of the project, with the remaining \$500,000 coming from a matching Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant.

The project was made possible through a partnership with the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation, Whitt said.

"I can't tell you how helpful the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation has been," said Whitt. "They have already spent over \$200,000 on the greenway."

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Photo Mike Hensdill/The Gaston Gazette A portion of the Carolina Thread Trail was unveiled Tuesday morning at Tuckaseege Park in Mount Holly. Here, those involved in the project lift the covering off the new

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