

ELBA Makes Donation to Carolina Thread Trail

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DENVER, NC – The East Lincoln Betterment Association (ELBA) contributed \$500 toward matching funds needed for a \$66,500 planning grant to determine where the Carolina Thread Trail will go in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County Building and Land Development (\$2,250), Lincoln County Parks and Recreation (\$2,250) and the City of Lincolnton (\$2,000) also contributed to the matching funds.

The Carolina Thread Trail project will ultimately link the over 2 million people who live in a 15 County area via a network of trails between existing parks, cities and historical attractions and will allow the public to explore nature and the culture of their region. (<http://www.carolinathreadtrail.org/overview/vision.html>)



(Photo From left to right Randy Williams, Steve Gurley, Harry Huss, Pete Capece, Sylvia Wallace, Martha Lide (Second row) Sam Ausband, Tom Howard.)

The Lincoln County Natural Resources Committee (LNRC) has formed a Trail Advisory Committee under the co-chair of Pete Capece and Sylvia Wallace, to oversee this project. ELBA Board Members Ray Holmes and Martha Lide serve on the Committee. The Trail Advisory Committee, through the LNRC, has hired Greenways Inc. to coordinate the planning process.

A kick off meeting was held on 5 February 2009. The first public hearing of the project that will allow the opportunity for citizen input will be in March.

Notifications of this meeting will be sent once the date is determined.

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