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## **Catawba County Adopts Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan**

Newton, N.C. – The Catawba County Board of County Commissioners has adopted a master plan that will serve as a guide for the development of the Carolina Thread Trail (The Thread) in Catawba County. The master plan is the outcome of a year-long public process led by a local steering committee.

“It’s an exciting milestone to complete the adoption of the Carolina Thread Trail plan at the county level,” said Mary George, Planner for Catawba County. “We’re eager to get started in turning our miles of planned trails into places where our residents can get outside and experience The Thread.”

Catawba County is the ninth county within the 15-county region to adopt a master plan for The Thread, bringing the total planned trails throughout the region to 1,000 miles. The master plan provides a long-term vision for the development of trails and greenways within the county. Together, these trails will create a comprehensive, multi-use network for connecting people, natural areas and regional points of interest.

### **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 together 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 Foundation For The Carolinas and many other local partners.*

### **About Catawba Lands Conservancy**

*Catawba Lands Conservancy is dedicated to saving land and connecting lives to nature. The Conservancy protects more than 10,000 acres in Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg and Union counties and is one of 24 land trusts serving North Carolina. The Conservancy is supported in part with operating support by the Arts & Science Council of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Inc. Catawba Lands Conservancy is the lead agency for the Carolina Thread Trail, an initiative that links more than two million citizens with hundreds of miles of trails that wind through fifteen counties in North and South Carolina.*

### **Additional Resources**

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