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## **Carolina Thread Trail Hires Capital Resource Director**

### ***Role supports communities in securing public funding for trails and open space***

Charlotte, N.C. – The Carolina Thread Trail is pleased to announce the appointment of Lindsey Dunevant in the newly-created position of Capital Resource Director.

Dunevant will provide key support to Carolina Thread Trail (The Thread) communities by identifying local, state and federal funding opportunities to support the fifteen-county network of trails and conservation areas connecting more than 2 million people in the Carolinas. He will work closely with elected officials and community leaders to maximize the return on public funding opportunities and plays a critical role facilitating community access to public funds. Additionally, Dunevant will focus on attracting dedicated resources for land conservation in the region.

Dunevant's professional and volunteer leadership experience demonstrates a lifelong commitment to public recreation and land conservation. He served as the director of Albemarle Parks and Recreation for more than 20 years and has been a Stanly County Commissioner since 2006. He is a standing board member for the Land Trust for Central North Carolina. Dunevant was active in the initial discovery process leading up to the launch of The Thread and has served on the organization's Regional Advisory Council since the project's inception in 2007.

“Lindsey's deep understanding of regional conservation issues and public funding channels make him an invaluable asset to The Thread communities as they seek funding to build trails and establish conservation corridors throughout the region,” said Ann Browning, Project Director for The Thread. “He'll support local trail committees and staff as their ‘public funding consultant’ and help them secure financial support for local trail segments.”

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

#### *Land Trust Partners:*

- *Catawba Lands Conservancy*
- *Davidson Lands Conservancy*
- *Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina*
- *Katawba Valley Land Trust*
- *Land Trust for Central North Carolina*
- *Nation Ford Land Trust*

#### *Additional Resources:*

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- *[www.foothillsconservancy.org](http://www.foothillsconservancy.org)*
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