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**Join Friends and Neighbors to
Celebrate the First Marked Segment of the Carolina Thread Trail in Cleveland County**

**Carolina Thread Trail Sign Unveiling
Saturday, May 1, 2010 @ 10:00 am
Kings Mountain Gateway Trail
807 S. Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain**

(Kings Mountain, N.C.) – You are invited to attend a special event marking an important milestone for Kings Mountain and Cleveland County – the celebration of the first marked segment of the Carolina Thread Trail in the county. This segment of The Thread follows the Kings Mountain Gateway Trail and will eventually connect the City of Kings Mountain to Crowders Mountain State Park, Kings Mountain State Park, and Kings Mountain National Military Park, as well as many communities and destinations within the 15-county Carolina Thread Trail footprint.

The sign unveiling event is being held in conjunction with the Gateway 5K, which begins at 8:00 am. The race will be followed by an unveiling of the official signage marking the Carolina Thread Trail which is weaving throughout 15 counties, connecting North and South Carolina, and connecting 2.3 million citizens. We encourage you to join this community celebration. Tell your friends, bring your family members and join us on the Kings Mountain Gateway Trail on this very special day.

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 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 the Trust for Public Land, Foundation For The Carolinas, and many local partners and land trusts, including the Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina.

Additional Resources:

- www.carolinathreadtrail.org
- www.catawbalands.org
- www.foothillsconservancy.org

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