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Lancaster County Seeks Public Input for Developing Community's Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan

Lancaster, S.C. – Lancaster County is hosting public listening sessions this September to solicit input from residents as the initial step in a countywide master planning process for the Carolina Thread Trail (The Thread).

The Thread is a network of trails, greenways, blueways and conservation corridors linking 15 counties in North and South Carolina. It offers a multitude of opportunities for biking, hiking, fishing, paddling and connecting with nature.

The Thread is made up of segments that are designed, built and owned by the counties and towns through which the trail network is woven. All Lancaster residents are encouraged to participate in the planning process, as citizen participation is vital to the successful development of a final plan for areas served by the trail system, trail uses and surface type, and priority corridors.

The County will kick off a series of countywide listening sessions on September 14. The meetings will take place as follows:

City of Lancaster -- Sept 14, 5-7 p.m.

Lancaster City Hall, 216 S. Catawba Street, Lancaster

Indian Land -- Sept 16, 5-7 p.m.

Del Webb Library at Indian Land, 7641 Charlotte Highway, Indian Land

Kershaw -- Sept 20, 5-7 p.m.

Kershaw Town Hall, 113 S. Hampton Street, Kershaw

Heath Springs -- Sept 21, 5-7 p.m.

Heath Springs Town Hall, 103 Duncan Street, Heath Springs

Buford -- Sept 23, 5-7 p.m.

Buford Recreational Center, 4073 Hurley Walters Road, Lancaster

Residents are welcome to drop in at their convenience to share their ideas or learn more about The Thread. Local representatives from Lancaster County will be available to answer questions, share information about the regional scope of the project, and discuss how to best serve the needs and wishes of community members in Lancaster County.

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 Foundation For The Carolinas, and many local partners and land trusts.

Land Trust Partners:

- *Catawba Lands Conservancy*
- *Katawba Valley Land Trust*

Additional Resources:

- www.carolinathreadtrail.org
- www.catawbalands.org
- www.kvlt.org

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