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**‘Marking The Thread’ Celebrations Scheduled
in Seven Communities on the Carolina Thread Trail
September 15 to October 9**

Charlotte, NC -- Starting on September 15, seven Carolina Thread Trail communities will host “Marking The Thread” celebrations in North and South Carolina as local leaders officially unveil the newly-marked trails. Attendees will experience the new trails and greenways that will ultimately weave throughout 15 counties and connect more than 2 million people.

The Thread offers a growing network of trails and conservation corridors for walking, biking, commuting, fishing, paddling and simply enjoying. Counties and towns design and own the trails that enrich communities in the areas of health and wellness, economic development, land preservation and community collaboration.

Of the 15 counties in The Thread region, eight have fully-adopted master plans, four are in the active planning stages and three are engaged in the citizen outreach phase. To date, counties with adopted plans have identified 874 miles of planned trails and more than 63 miles of trails are now open for public enjoyment.

Mark Your Calendar and Join the Celebration

Throughout the region, communities will celebrate with activities ranging from live music to guided nature walks. For more information, please visit carolinathreadtrail.org. We hope to see you at one (or more!) of the following events:

September 18

Lincolnton - Lincoln County, NC
Oakboro - Stanly County, NC
Baxter Village - York County, SC
Landsford Canal - Chester County, SC

September 19

Broad River - Cleveland County, NC

September 25

Davidson - Mecklenburg County, NC

October 9

Nation Ford - York County, SC

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.

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:

- *www.carolinathreadtrail.org*
- *www.catawbalands.org*
- *www.davidsonlands.org*
- *www.foothillsconservancy.org*
- *www.kvlt.org*
- *www.ltnc.org*
- *www.nationafordlandtrust.org*

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