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Community Invited to Carolina Thread Trail Dedication on Pharr Yarns Preserve

McAdenville, N.C. – As part of the McAdenville 60th Annual Community Day celebration, local leaders are hosting a dedication event for the newly-constructed segment of the Carolina Thread Trail in Gaston County. The dedication will take place on Saturday, October 9th from 1 to 2 pm at the R.Y. McAden River Access in McAdenville off Dickson Road.

Following opening remarks and a ribbon cutting, visitors may enjoy light refreshments and live music. A guided hike departing from the R.Y. McAden River Access will follow the new natural surface trail north along the river through the permanently protected Pharr Yarns Preserve.

The trail is approximately two miles in length and was constructed in large part by volunteers from the Piedmont Area Singletrack Alliance, Lowe's Home Improvement and Queens University. Trail construction services were also provided by Jeremy Early Trailworks, Inc.

The Pharr Yarns Preserve encompasses 95-acres of land donated by Pharr Yarns and the Carstarphen family to Catawba Lands Conservancy in April 2010. The Conservancy serves as the lead agency for the Carolina Thread Trail. The Preserve features 3.45 miles of river frontage and protects 18,000 feet of riparian corridor, providing habitat for numerous species of wildlife and plants. The Conservancy has conserved significant buffer lands along the South Fork Catawba River, protecting water quality in a critical watershed for our region.

Following the trail dedication, visitors are invited to the local Community Day celebration at 2:30 pm in McAdenville. For more information about the October 9th trail dedication on the Pharr Yarns Preserve, call 704-376-2556 ext. 215 or visit carolinathreadtrail.org.

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 8,000 acres in Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg and Union counties and is one of 24 land trusts serving North Carolina. 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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- www.carolinathreadtrail.org

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