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Stanly County Adopts Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan

Albemarle, N.C. – The Stanly County Board of County Commissioners has adopted a master plan that will serve as a guide for the development of the Carolina Thread Trail (The Thread) in Stanly County. The master plan was adopted as part of Stanly County’s Parks, Recreation, and Greenway master plan and is the outcome of a year-long public process led by a local steering committee.

“Adopting a countywide trails and greenway master plan is an exciting step towards making The Thread a reality in Stanly County,” said Albemarle’s Director of Parks and Recreation Toby Thorpe, who served as moderator for The Thread’s Stanly County Steering Committee. “This project gives people across the region the opportunity to get outdoors and explore many of the places that make Stanly County and the surrounding areas unique.”

Stanly County is the eighth county within the 15-county region to adopt a master plan for The Thread. The master plan provides a long-term vision for the development of trails and greenways within the county. Together, these trails will create a comprehensive, multi-use network for connecting people, natural areas and regional points of interest.

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*
- *Land Trust for Central North Carolina*

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