



Commissioners Approve Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan

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At their regular meeting yesterday, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a proposal for the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan. The plan was presented by Catawba County senior planner Mary George and thread trail community coordinator Randi Gates.

As the result of the Board's action, Catawba County will qualify for future grant funding in the design, acquisition and construction of the master plan.

The plan would result in a series of diverse trails in the county and surrounding areas. The master plan is made up of nine priority segments, including six routes in Catawba County that would connect with a larger network of trails spanning 15 counties in North and South Carolina.

The plan was created over the past year based on input from leaders and citizens in the participating communities. The Carolina Thread Trail is a nonprofit organization financed through state and federal funding, and through private donations.

According to the plan, 126 miles of trails will wind through Catawba County, with 112 miles of secondary routes for alternate trails or additional connections to existing trails.

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