



Carolina Thread Trail awards more than \$689K

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CHARLOTTE- The Carolina Thread Trail Governing Board approved trail grant applications from 13 community projects along The Thread totaling \$689,240. Trail implementation grants are awarded by the board to provide catalytic funding to communities to assist with trail corridor design, land acquisition and construction.

"We are pleased by the enthusiasm of our communities to implement their segments of The Thread," said Philip Blumenthal, chairman of the Carolina Thread Trail Governing Board. "These catalytic grants will result in more trails, contributing to the betterment of our region's health and quality of life."

The recipients of Carolina Thread Trail implementation grants in 2011 include Nation Ford Land Trust and Catawba Indian Nation in York County.

Grants will contribute to about 38 miles of trails that weave throughout the Carolina Thread Trail 15-county system. These projects will take place in Cabarrus, Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Stanly and York counties.

To date, The Thread has awarded almost \$6 million in catalytic grants to Carolina Thread Trail communities and trail projects, including grants from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund for land acquisition.

For more information, visit carolinathreadtrail.org.

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