



## **Supporting Thread Trail is a key step**

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The town of Kershaw has taken the first step on the trail.

The trail, in this case, is the Carolina Thread Trail, which will feature greenways and other natural sites throughout 15 counties in the Carolinas.

Kershaw and other area entities have pledged their support in theory, but Kershaw's latest backing of the master plan means the chance for funding that will go for the creation, or enhancement of pathways here.

In this day of "going green," it's a natural move now and for our future.

The future is a major part of the trail since some organizers say it could be 20 years before the entire project is finished.

Kershaw Town Council voted 6-0 at its meeting Sept. 19, when it became the first Lancaster County entity to take the latest step in the trail's formal support.

The trail will cover a vast area, but it will have a major impact on our county to include Andrew Jackson State Park, the historic Buford battleground, Hanging Rock and 40-Acre Rock. The Buford battleground and Hanging Rock played key roles in the Southern theater of the American Revolution.

The trail will include 11 North Carolina counties and four in the Palmetto State and is estimated to impact 2.3 million people.

"Far and away, this county has a lot of natural destinations," said Travis Morehead, a coordinator with Carolina Thread Trail. "We are well on the way to completing all 15 counties."

Morehead has since made the master-plan presentation to other area entities.

"I think it's a good idea and they've already done a lot of work," said Kershaw Major Wayne Rhodes. Morehead had addressed Lancaster City Council at a recent meeting. Council approved it unanimously at Tuesday's meeting.

"It (the trail) ties right in with things like the Katawba Valley Land Trust," said City Councilman John Howard. "I think we'd be shortchanging our posterity if we didn't do it."

We commend Heath Springs, the town of Kershaw, the city of Lancaster and other entities that have pledged their support of the trail which will be deeply woven into our future.

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