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Carolina Thread Trail Awards \$689,240 to Communities

Charlotte, NC – The Carolina Thread Trail Governing Board has 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, chair 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 are:

- Concord (Cabarrus)
- Midland (Cabarrus)
- Conover (Catawba)
- Mooresville (Iredell)
- Iredell County
- Troutman (Iredell)
- Statesville (Iredell)
- Lincoln County
- Matthews (Mecklenburg)
- Davidson (Mecklenburg)
- Misenheimer (Stanly)
- Nation Ford Land Trust (York)
- Catawba Indian Nation (York)

Grants will contribute to approximately 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 just shy of \$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.

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*
- *Davidson Lands Conservancy*
- *Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina*
- *Katawba Valley Land Trust*
- *Nation Ford Land Trust*

Additional Resources:

- *www.carolinathreadtrail.org*
- *www.catawbalands.org*
- *www.davidsonlands.org*
- *www.foothillsconservancy.org*
- *www.kult.org*
- *www.nationfordlandtrust.org*

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