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**Lancaster County, SC Adopts
Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan**

Charlotte, N.C. – The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners adopted a master plan Oct. 24 that will serve as a guide for the development of the Carolina Thread Trail (The Thread) in Lancaster County, SC.

The plan is the outcome of a comprehensive public process spearheaded by the Carolina Thread Trail initiative and supervised by a steering committee of representatives from Lancaster County’s municipal and town governments, as well as interested organizations, businesses and individuals. Eight community meetings were held over the past several months to obtain input and feedback on the plan.

Lancaster County is the 12th 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.

"This is the first time that Lancaster County has an adopted greenway plan," said Chris Karres, planning director for Lancaster County. "Having a plan will help facilitate future funding requests and how trail development and construction will occur within our communities."

The cities and towns within Lancaster County that will benefit from The Thread are: Heath Springs, Kershaw and Lancaster. The adopted map can be viewed at www.carolinathreadtrail.org. Since 2009, nearly \$5.3 million has been awarded to communities in North and South Carolina to implement portions of The Thread, including grants from the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund for land acquisition. Currently, 80 miles of The Thread are open to the public with 14 active corridors under development.

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 to be developed linking more than 2.3 million citizens. With technical resources and catalytic funding from The Thread, local communities will plan and implement their portions of this greenway-interstate system. Catawba Lands Conservancy is the lead agency for The Thread, working in partnership with Foundation For The Carolinas, and many local partners. For more information, go to www.carolinathreadtrail.org.

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