

## CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL

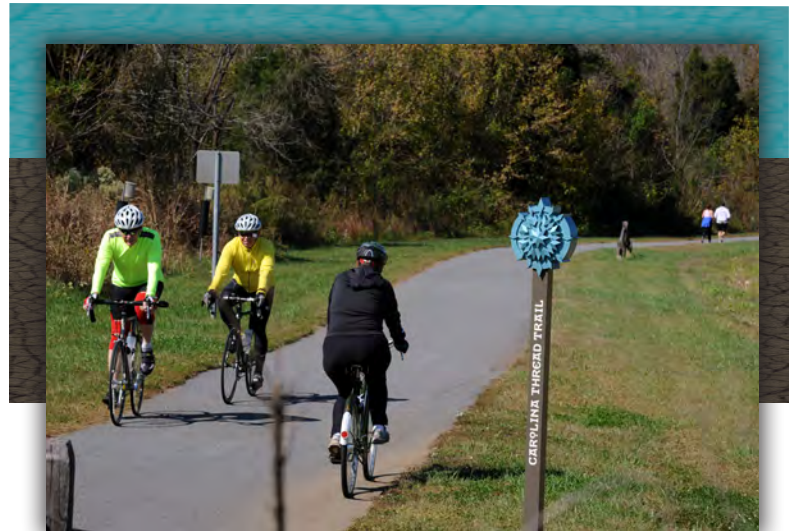
# FACT SHEET

**THE CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL** is a network of trails, greenways and conserved corridors that links 15 counties in North and South Carolina and is a collaborative project of unprecedented scale. The Thread Trail connects our region and places of interest, and conserves our most significant natural areas.

**BACKGROUND** In 2005, Foundation For The Carolinas and more than 40 community and business leaders participated in a discovery process to identify our region's most pressing environmental need. The process produced the vision of the Carolina Thread Trail, which launched in 2007.

**PROJECT PARTNERS** Catawba Lands Conservancy serves as the lead agency and Foundation For The Carolinas is the Thread Trail's philanthropic partner. The Thread Trail is a model for regional collaboration involving local governments, businesses, community groups and the region's land trusts.

**FUNDING MODEL** The Carolina Thread Trail was launched with a private capital campaign that continues to leverage local, state and federal funds. From this funding, implementation grants have been awarded and momentum is being created in communities across our footprint. Currently, there are 88 communities with connected, adopted master plans averaging 100 miles per county.



## THE THREAD'S ROLE

The Thread Trail plays three roles to support its community partners:

- 1. COMMUNITY SUPPORT** Our team engages our communities in the planning and implementation of the Thread Trail, starting with countywide master planning. Once plans are adopted, we actively partner with communities on priority corridors to help them realize their vision for the Thread Trail.
- 2. FUNDING** Through private fundraising efforts, the Thread Trail grants funds to communities for planning, design, land acquisition and construction of trail segments. We also assist communities in attracting public funding and other private grants.
- 3. EXPERTISE** We enhance trail-building capacity across the region through our annual trail forum, a day of learning from experts and sharing best practices. We also provide mapping expertise to support the design and implementation of trails. By training volunteer leaders in sustainable trail building, The Thread coordinates a core of volunteers in building and maintaining natural surface trails.

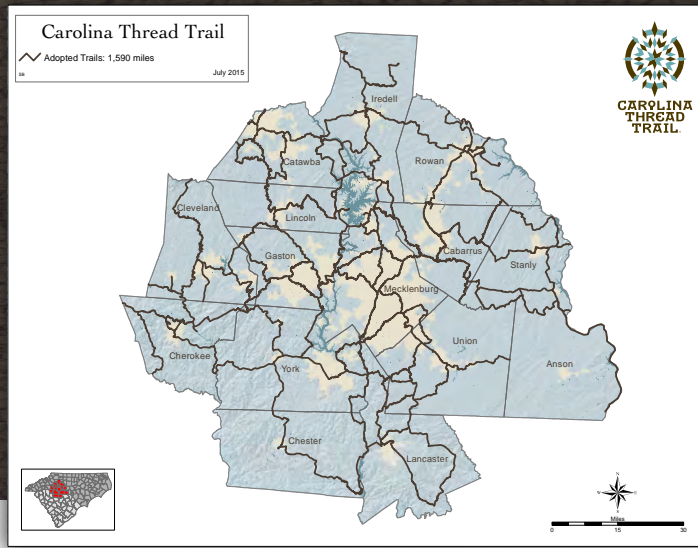
## QUICK FACTS

\$4.5 million in private grant awards to communities

15 counties with adopted Thread Trail master plans

88 local governments collaborating

250+ miles of Thread Trail open



## 15 THREAD COUNTIES

Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly and Union counties within North Carolina and Cherokee, Chester, Lancaster and York counties in South Carolina.

## 250+ TRAIL MILES (and counting...)

### North Carolina

#### Cabarrus

8th Street Greenway  
Bakers Creek Greenway  
Buffalo Creek Preserve Trail  
Hector H. Henry II Greenway  
McEachern Greenway  
Myers Park Greenway  
Pharr Family Preserve Trail  
Riverbend Farm Trail  
Irish Buffalo Creek Greenway

#### Catawba

Conover Greenway  
Conover Station Trail  
Hickory Greenway  
Murray's Mill/David Stewart Trail  
Newton Heritage Trail

#### Cleveland

Broad River Greenway  
Broad River Greenway Off-Road Trail  
Kings Mtn. Gateway to Downtown Kings Mtn. Sidewalk Connector  
Kings Mountain Gateway Trail  
Ridgeline Trail at Crowders Mtn. State Park (Cleveland & Gaston)

#### Gaston

Belmont to Cramerton Sidewalk Connector Trail  
Bessemer City Park Trail  
Bessemer City Sidewalk Connector to City Park Trail  
Avon/Catawba Creek Greenway  
Catawba Riverfront Greenway  
Downtown Connector Trail  
Goat Island Greenway  
Highland Rail Trail  
Mount Holly Linear Park Trail  
Mountain Island Trailrace Park Trail  
Riverside Greenway  
South Fork Trail  
Seven Oaks Preserve Trail  
Stuart W. Cramer High School Trail

#### Iredell

Brawley School Road Trail (Sidewalks and Bike Lanes)  
Downtown Mooresville to Bellingham Park (Sidewalks and Bike Lanes)  
Dye Creek Greenway  
Fourth Creek Greenway  
Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council Trail  
Gregory Creek Greenway  
Love Valley Trail  
Richardson Greenway  
Tomlison-Moore Park Trail

#### Lincoln

CMC - Lincoln Trail  
E. Main Street/NC 27 Sidewalk Connection to Rail Trail  
Highland Park Trail  
Marcia Cloninger Rail Trail  
Ramsour's Mill/Park Trail  
Forney Creek Trail  
South Fork Rail Trail

### Mecklenburg

Independence and Memorial Parks Trail  
Irwins Creek Greenway  
Irwin Creek/Stuart Creek Greenway  
Little Sugar Creek Greenway  
Long Creek Trail  
Lower McAlpine/McMullen/4 mile Creek Greenway  
Mallard Creek Greenway  
McAlpine Creek/Campbell Creek Greenway  
McDowell Creek Greenway  
Memorial/Independence Park Trail  
Ribbon Walk Trail  
Ruth G. Shaw Trail  
Southeast Greenway  
South Prong Rocky River Greenway  
Torrence Creek Greenway  
Uptown Charlotte Sidewalk Connector (Stonewall St.)  
West Branch Nature Preserve Trail  
West Branch Rocky River Greenway

### Stanly

City of Albemarle/Roger F. Snyder Greenway  
Darrel Almond Park Trail  
Morrow Mountain State Park Trail  
Rock Hole Trail and Sidewalk Connection  
Oakboro Rail Trail

### Union

Mineral Springs Greenway  
Twelve Mile Creek Greenway

### South Carolina

#### Cherokee

Limestone College Quarry Trail  
Overmountain Victory Trail at Lake Whelchel and Cownpens National Battlefield  
National Recreational Trail at Kings Mtn. State Park & Kings Mtn. National Battlefield (Cherokee & York)

#### Chester

Landsford Canal Trail  
Rocky Creek Trail  
Wylie Park Trail

#### York

Baxter Village Trail  
Blue Star Trail  
Catawba Nation Greenway Trail  
Hood Center Trail  
Kings Mtn. State Park Trail  
Manchester Meadows Trail  
Nation Ford Greenway  
Northside Trail  
Piedmont Medical Center Trail at Riverwalk  
Ridgeline Trail  
River Park Trail  
Nation Ford Greenway  
Tech Park Trail

#### Lancaster

Twelve Mile Creek Trail

## BENEFITS

The Thread Trail offers communities and more than two million people the benefits of:

- Alternative Transportation
- Economic Development
- Recreation
- Connectivity
- Health and Wellness
- Water Quality and Quantity
- Conservation Corridors
- Public Access
- Wildlife Habitat

## FUNDING SECURED

- \$16.8 million in private capital
- \$8.5 million in land donations
- \$30.5 million in public funding committed through federal, state and local sources

## LEARN MORE

[carolinathreadtrail.org](http://carolinathreadtrail.org)

To learn more about the Carolina Thread Trail go to our website, call 704.376.2556 or connect with us via social media.



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## FIND TRAILS

[carolinathreadtrailmap.org](http://carolinathreadtrailmap.org)

## LAND TRUST PARTNERS

Catawba Lands Conservancy is the lead agency for the Carolina Thread Trail



Other land trust partners:  
Davidson Lands Conservancy  
Foothills Conservancy  
Catawba Valley Land Trust  
Land Trust for Central NC  
Nation Ford Land Trust