

2015

Report to
Communities



26-MILE CROSS CHARLOTTE TRAIL IS PART OF 140-MILE PATH DRIVEN BY THE THREAD TRAIL

BY ROB GLOVER

Chances are you've heard of the Cross Charlotte Trail. It's received a healthy dose of well-deserved buzz recently. The 26-mile path that will span Mecklenburg County diagonally from Pineville to Harrisburg, N.C., is a great example of the city-county partnerships that make the Carolina Thread Trail possible. But did you know the Cross Charlotte Trail, or #XCLT as it's known informally on social media, is actually one piece of a project that will eventually rank among the longest urban trails in the country?

For 140 miles, the North-South Spine of the Thread Trail will travel from Statesville, N.C., to Great Falls, S.C., passing through the Queen City via the Cross Charlotte Trail. Much of the trail, including the entire Mecklenburg County portion, will be paved while some rural sections could be crushed gravel or natural surface.

Momentum for the Charlotte segment has accelerated recently. Several key connectors, some built by the city and some by the county, are in various stages of design and construction – adding to the 7.6 miles that exist already.

Joe Frey, a project manager for the city of Charlotte directly involved with the Cross Charlotte Trail, says the section of the project from the NoDa neighborhood to Pineville could be complete by 2019. Frey expects the final Cross Charlotte Master Plan to be complete this year. It will likely spur another round of community input. Pop-up meetings, neighborhood talks and group presentations will help educate the public and gather the feedback which continues to guide the Trail's architects.

Where Cross Charlotte Trail Ends, N-S Spine Continues

While Charlotte and Mecklenburg County officials focus on completing the Cross Charlotte piece, communities along the planned route of the North-South Spine are at work planning and creating segments now.

Where the Cross Charlotte Trail ends in Pineville, the North-South Spine will continue into South Carolina through the Anne Springs Close Greenway, along the Catawba River, through the Catawba Indian Nation and ending near Great Falls.

At the Cross Charlotte Trail's northern terminus, the Spine will weave its way through Cabarrus County, passing by the Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord Mills and continuing north along the banks of the Rocky River into Davidson, Mooresville and ending in Statesville. Portions of the developing 13-mile Hector H. Henry Greenway in Concord, N.C., for example, are a key part of the Spine.

"There's a lot of energy in Cabarrus and York counties to get trail on the ground, because they see the value in being connected to the Cross Charlotte Trail," says Andy Kane, senior director of the Thread Trail.

The benefits of such an ambitious project are widespread. Long distance urban trails bring economic growth in the form of increased property values and development and help attract tourism and a talented workforce. And easy access to trails is an important ingredient of promoting a healthier community. But some of the benefits of the project are a bit more personal.

"The thing we see so much is, generations of families out walking," says Andy. "Grandparents, parents and kids. It is creating community within the community. So, it's an exciting process."

Completion dates for the entire North-South Spine are open ended because much depends on available funding and the initiative of each local municipality.

You can get involved by learning about Thread Trail volunteer trail workdays, voting for the bond funds that support the trail in your community or becoming a member.

Follow the progress of the Cross Charlotte Trail by clicking on the "Charlotte's Future" link at www.CharlotteNC.gov.

Students on the Little Sugar Creek Greenway in Charlotte, which is part of the Cross Charlotte Trail and the North-South Spine of the Thread Trail.



FROM THE CHAIR

In August 2015, we received approval from the last of the 15 counties that will be connected through the Carolina Thread Trail. To my knowledge, this is the first region-wide collaboration of this scale. This achievement represents an unprecedented level of effort by all parties, and that is reason for celebration! It's the culmination of seven years of work with 88 local counties and municipalities.

We had an original vision of a network of 500 miles of trails across 15 counties in North and South Carolina. But local communities embraced the Thread Trail vision with such vigor that the final plan is triple the original size, and lays out fully 1,590 miles of trails and blueways.

Thanks to your enthusiasm and the support of local communities, corporate sponsors, foundations and members, the Thread Trail is now more than a bold vision. It's a reality.

With than more 250 miles open to the public across our region, and individual segments continuing to grow and connect to each other, the Thread Trail is poised to become a defining characteristic for our region.

It is appropriate that we take a moment to applaud the visionaries who proposed the Thread Trail some 10 years ago. While other Southern cities developed too rapidly and may have to dismantle developments and recreate lost green spaces, our region has mapped out a plan to preserve natural corridors as an integral part of



our growth. For that foresight, future generations will thank us.

I'm excited to announce a new leader who will be critical in our next phase. Andy Kane, formerly the stewardship associate with Catawba Lands Conservancy, took the helm as the Thread Trail's new senior director in January. He will work with our many local partners to ensure coordination and that priority segments are connected.

Momentum to fund and build trail is growing, as you'll read in this issue. Great strides are being made to complete and connect disparate portions of the Cross Charlotte Trail. And meanwhile we're working to create the North-South Spine, a 140-mile trail - with the Cross Charlotte Trail at its center.

Many communities, like Cramerton, N.C.; Kings Mountain, N.C.; and Fort Mill, S.C., are charging forward expanding their trails and reaping the benefits in economic revitalization and public health. At the end of April, an impressive pedestrian bridge linking trails in North Carolina and South Carolina will open, showcasing to the region what makes the Thread Trail so powerful - the ability to weave communities together.

Happy Trails,

Alex Rankin
Chair, Carolina Thread Trail Governing Board

COME OUT AND PLAY!

For complete event details, please visit carolinathreadtrail.org/events.

Member Hike: Redlair Preserve

Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Gastonia, N.C.

Volunteer Workday

Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m.-Noon
Buffalo Creek Preserve Trail
Mount Pleasant, N.C.

Greenway Gals Member Paddle: Spider Lilies at Landsford Canal State Park

Thursday, May 26, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Landsford Canal State Park
Catawba, S.C.

National Trails Day: South Fork Trail

Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
McAdenville, N.C.



A bigleaf magnolia in bloom at Redlair Preserve, photo by Nancy Pierce

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FOOTNOTES

Thread Trail Appoints Andy Kane New Senior Director

Andy Kane brings his lifelong passion for the outdoors to his new role as senior director for the Carolina Thread Trail. For the last four years, Andy served as land stewardship associate for Catawba Lands Conservancy, the lead agency for the Thread Trail.

“Andy has a unique familiarity with the Carolina Thread Trail and its relationship with Catawba Lands Conservancy which is a wonderful asset for this position,” said Thread Trail Board Chair Alex Rankin. “Our work takes diligence, community collaboration and teamwork, and Andy has demonstrated those key talents and abilities, which will serve him well as he works to successfully advance our efforts.”



Previously, Andy was the executive director/vice-president for YMCA Camp Thunderbird with

the YMCA of Greater Charlotte. In his role with the YMCA, Andy provided leadership in starting Camp Harrison in Boomer, N.C., and the Environmental Education Center at Camp Thunderbird.

Prior to moving to Charlotte, Andy was employed by the Auburn University Cooperative Extension Service specializing in horticulture and forestry. He is the board chairman for the Anne Springs Close Greenway and also serves on the board of Camp Blue Skies.

His primary responsibilities include managing all aspects of operations, including working with community partners and staff to add trail miles to the system. Andy will work with CLC Executive Director Tom Okel to advance fundraising efforts and engage new donors.

Kings Mountain Gateway Trail Extension Opened April 16

Local officials and residents of Kings Mountain, N.C., celebrated the grand opening of the fourth phase of the Kings Mountain Gateway Trail (KMGT), a segment of Thread Trail in Cleveland County. The Saturday, April 16 ceremony coin-

cided with Opening Day for Trails, a nationwide celebration of the spring trail season created by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. The event featured a ribbon cutting at noon, followed by trail updates and refreshments. A park ranger from Crowders Mountain State Park led a nature walk along the new trail.



The new section, known as the Foote Trail, is located on the south side of I-85 and ends near Galilee Church Road. The nearly flat, 2-mile extension to KMGT utilizes an old highway overpass and meanders around an abandoned quarry.

KMGT is currently about 5 miles long and features a butterfly garden, picnic shelter, workout stations and scenic overlooks. It will eventually link the city of Kings Mountain to the Boulders Access at Crowders Mountain State Park.

\$19,000 Raised During Local Giving Tuesday Campaign

The Thread Trail took part in SHARE Charlotte's #GivingTuesdayCLT campaign Nov. 9-Dec. 1 along with 107 other local nonprofits. The local giving campaign which focused on the future completion of the North-South Spine, raised nearly \$19,000 for the Thread Trail.

The Spine will connect many of our region's communities and provide a long-distance trail that encourages recreation and transportation, while conserving many important natural areas. We're grateful to everyone who donated and supported us during this time.

Started in 2012, Giving Tuesday is a national movement to celebrate and encourage generosity during the holiday season on the heels of Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

200 Ran in Valentine's Weekend Trail Race

A cold but clear morning greeted almost 200 participants as they prepared to run the second annual Hearts-a-Bustin' 5K on Saturday, Feb. 13. Co-hosted by the Thread Trail and Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, the race used the Seven Oaks Preserve segment of the Thread Trail and the trails on the DSBG property. The race takes its name from the native plant whose bright red seed capsule bursts open in the fall.

The post-race celebrations featured a hot chocolate bar and Valentine's-themed crafts. The event served as a “fun-raiser” for the Thread Trail and Botanical Garden, strengthening our shared mission of connecting lives to nature. Thank you to all sponsors for their support.

Twelve Mile Creek Bridge Connecting N.C., S.C. Opened April 26

A 170-foot-long pedestrian bridge spanning Twelve Mile Creek and the North Carolina, South Carolina state line officially opened on Tuesday, April 26 at 3 p.m. The bridge connects two existing segments of Thread Trail: Twelve Mile Creek Greenway in Waxhaw, N.C., with Twelve Mile Creek Trail in Lancaster, S.C., creating a nearly 5-mile long continuous trail.



The ambitious project is the first initiated by the Thread Trail to link communities together across state lines and required extensive collaboration among city officials and developers in both communities.

NEW EXPERIENCES ON THE CTT

Trail Highlights from 2015 By Rob Glover

One of the greatest aspects of living in the Carolinas is the proximity of outdoor spaces to neighborhoods and town centers. Several newly minted segments of Thread Trail are helping preserve these special places while providing the conduit for visitors to enjoy them. Whether it's a shady corridor along an old rail line or a bridge that gives pedestrians convenient access to town amenities and a city park, these new segments of trail have become important connections for the people and communities they serve.



Photo by Debbie Warren

SOUTH FORK RAIL TRAIL EXTENSION

Lincolnton, N.C. (Lincoln County)

Natural Surface / 2 Miles One Way / Hiking and Mountain Biking

Just a little downstream from Lincolnton, the South Fork River makes a sharp, upside down "U" before continuing its march southward. Rushing water flows over a narrow dam at the edge of this bend before pushing its way through rocky shoals. The trail now continues an additional mile after it crosses South Fork Road.

For two miles, the wide, smooth path – characteristics common to trails built along old rail lines – follows the banks of the South Fork River. Sometimes crushed stone, sometimes natural surface, the trail offers a fantastic vantage point from which to see both the historic Laboratory Mill and a bald cypress swamp (a biome not typically seen in this part of the Carolinas).

FORNEY CREEK TRAIL – KATHRYN G. CLARK SEGMENT

Denver, N.C. (Lincoln County)

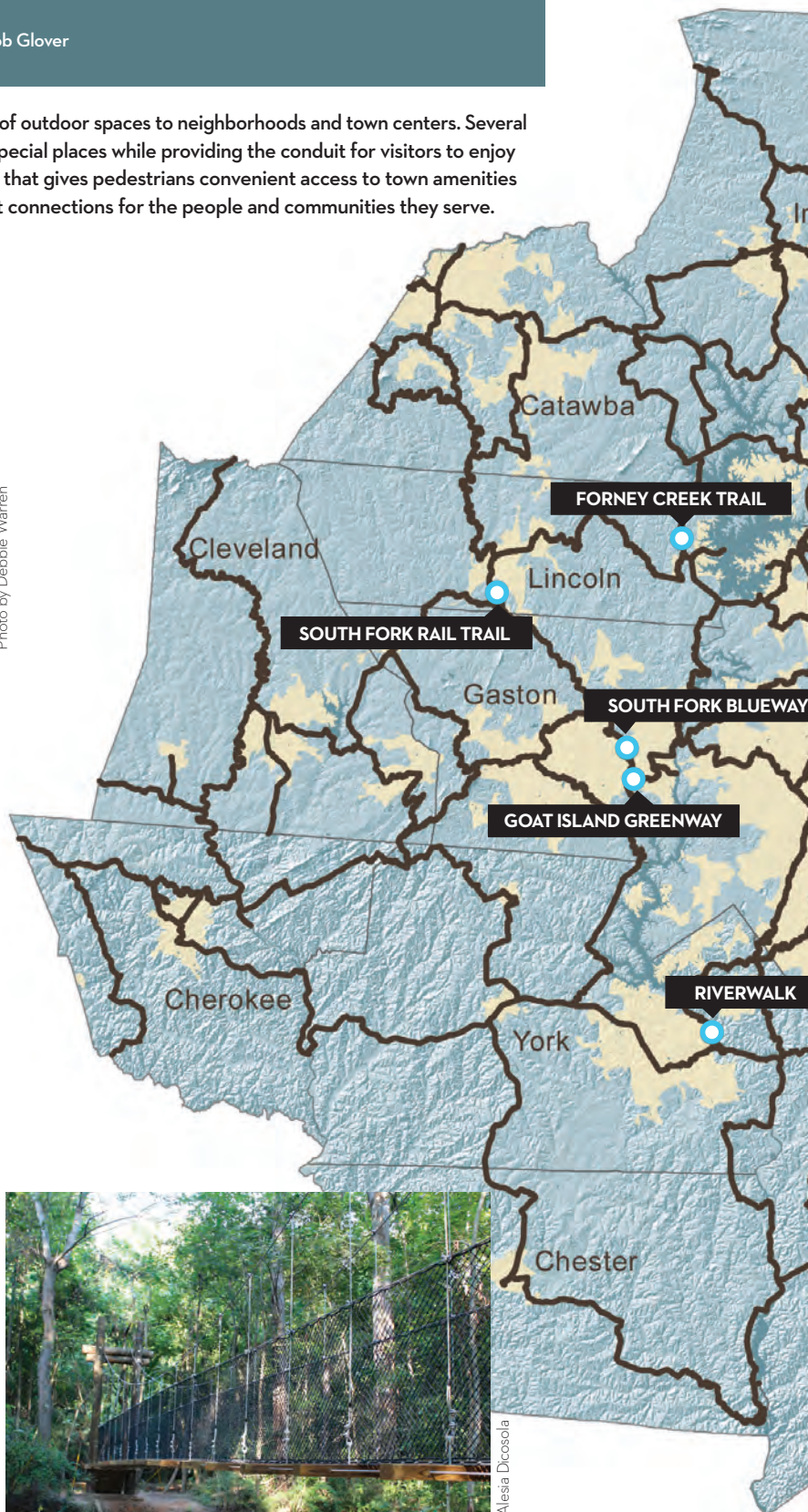
Natural Surface / 1.1 Miles One Way / Hiking and Mountain Biking

Named in honor of the Clarks – the family that donated the preserve that surrounds it – the Kathryn G. Clark segment of the Forney Creek Trail offers an instant immersion into a natural place. The narrow, 1.1-mile trail segment, referred to as singletrack, undulates along the banks of Forney Creek under a canopy of towering oaks.

Sometimes rooty and twisty, the singletrack trail is part of a greater network of paths that intertwine throughout the preserve near Sally's YMCA. A small break in a dense forest reveals the new substantial suspension bridge which allows dry passage across Forney Creek. At its northern end, the section of trail connects to the Catawba Springs Preserve segment, creating 2.4 continuous miles of exploration possibility.



Photo by Alesia Dicosola





GOAT ISLAND GREENWAY

Cramerton, N.C. (Gaston County)

Paved / 0.7 Miles One Way / Walking, Biking, Paddling

One hundred and eighty one feet isn't a huge distance. But when that is the span of the river that separates downtown conveniences from one of the best city parks in the area, it certainly feels like it. The recent addition of a beautiful pedestrian bridge over the South Fork River has linked the quaint shops and restaurants of Cramerton to Goat Island Park. And the Goat Island Greenway has connected local communities to it all.

For a little under a mile, this section of Thread Trail provides a central connector to the Riverside Greenway and Stuart Cramer School Trail, creating a path for thousands of residents to reach Center Street and Goat Island. Beginning at the fire station in downtown Cramerton, the trail section passes directly through the park, offering convenient access to the natural playground, disc golf course, kayak launch and open air amphitheater it holds.

SOUTH FORK BLUEWAY: ADAM SPRINGS PORTAGE TRAIL

McAdenville, N.C. (Gaston County)

Blueway / 8.4 Miles One Way / Paddling

For 8.4 miles, the South Fork Blueway ferries paddlers from Spencer Mountain to Cramerton, N.C. Buffered by high banks and tree cover for much of the passage, the pleasant paddle along the South Fork offers a whole different perspective of the river. Thanks to generous grant funding and the hard work of the Thread Trail community, completing the voyage has become a whole lot easier.

Some 5 miles in from its northernmost launch, the Blueway encounters the McAdenville Dam. To complete the trip, paddlers are able to tote their boat past the dam via the Adam Springs Portage. This quick out-of-water diversion was treated to an upgrade – new handrails, wooden steps and a short natural surface trail – allowing for a smoother transition to complete the final stretch of river paddling.



RIVERWALK: PIEDMONT MEDICAL CENTER TRAIL EXTENSION

Rock Hill, S.C. (York County)

Paved / 3.4 Miles One Way / Walking, Running, Biking

A recent extension of the Piedmont Medical Center Trail has connected the greenway to the variety of paths that weave through River Park in Rock Hill. With this link, bikers and walkers can now enjoy a nearly 4-mile long stroll or ride alongside the Catawba River and continue their journey through River Park.

Beginning near the Rock Hill Outdoor Center, the wide, paved trail rides the gentle rolling topography of the Catawba riverbank. A constant water view offers visitors a chance to watch swift osprey dive for dinner while stoic great blue herons stand guard on the banks. The ever-growing list of amenities at the adjacent Rock Hill Outdoor Center and convenient kayak launches on the Catawba make the trail part of a full day of activity.

THREAD TRAIL GETS BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM FRIENDS

Putting trail on the ground and keeping those paths in tip-top shape would not be possible without the dedicated support of our many volunteers!

In 2015, 619 volunteers gave 1,810 hours of their time over the course of 26 volunteer workdays.

A special thanks to our volunteer program sponsor



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**CORPORATE
 WORKDAY**

Looking for a way to give back to the community and engage your employees? Our corporate volunteer program offers a fun day of hard work for groups of 10-100. Community service activities include trail clean up, invasive species removal and trail building.

To learn more, contact Vanessa Gorr, outreach and volunteer coordinator at Vanessa@carolinathreadtrail.org

Trail Masters

The Trail Masters program trains volunteer leaders in the latest sustainable trail-building and maintenance techniques. Volunteer Trail Masters serve as crew leaders during our volunteer workdays, commit 40 hours of service to the Thread Trail annually for three years and play a vital role in establishing trails throughout our communities.

Thanks to our current Trail Masters:

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You'll get Thread Trail swag, plus insider info on trail openings, events, volunteer workdays and more, while helping us weave miles of additional trail throughout the region. Membership starts at \$25.

Join Us

Carolinathreadtrail.org/membership



JASON GRICE HONORED AS 2015 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

An avid mountain biker, Jason Grice of Huntersville, N.C., first "bumped" into the Thread Trail while riding at the U.S. National Whitewater Center.

His interest piqued, he set out to learn more and was attracted to the Trail Master program. "It was too hard to pass up," explained Jason of his decision to apply. "Plus, I had done a little mountain bike trail building in the past."

Jason became a Trail Master in October 2014. In addition to volunteering at work days, he also unofficially adopted the Forney Creek Trail in Denver, N.C. Jason helps monitor the trail during monthly visits. He'll ride his bike, taking breaks to pick up trash and cut back overgrowth and relay other concerns to staff. In August, he organized and led his first volunteer workday on the trail with more than 20 people.

"It's been very eye opening to learn how much work and maintenance it takes to keep a trail in good working order," he explained. "It's easy to not appreciate all the hard work that goes into it until you're exposed to it."

The Forney Creek Trail also happens to be one of his favorite mountain bike paths because "it's a great beginner trail to bring kids, and it's beautiful." Jason hopes to turn his daughter into a nature lover by taking her hiking and biking.

The Thread Trail's outreach coordinator, Vanessa Gorr, calls Jason "a pleasure to work with and a great leader. He always makes volunteers feel welcome and takes the time to explain what we're doing, why it's important and how to do it effectively."

Jason says that his involvement with the Thread Trail and the Trail Master program opened up an interest in the process of conserving land.

"We have another generation to think about," he continues. "By the time my daughter grows up this [the Thread Trail] might all be done and she won't need a car. How amazing is that?"

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

	Trailheads Hiker	Trailheads Trekker	Trailheads Trailblazer	Greenway Gals
"Inside the Thread" E-newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mailed Newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓
Car Magnet	✓	✓	✓	✓
T-shirt		✓	✓	
Baseball Cap			✓	
Fall into the Thread Event Tickets		2	4	4
Annual Guided Nature Hikes		2x	2x	3x
Guided Paddle with Gear			1	1
Spring Luncheon				✓
Donation Amount	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$250

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

	Corporate Trailheads	Corporate Trailheads
Annual Spotlight in eNewsletter	✓	✓
Logo and Link on Donation Webpages	✓	✓
Logo and Link on 6 Trailheads eNewsletters	✓	✓
Listing in Annual Report	✓	✓
Wall Plaque		✓
Carolina Thread Trail T-shirts	Up to 10	Up to 10
Annual Presentation on the Status of the Thread Trail	✓	✓
Featured on Appropriate Trail(s) on Online Map		✓
Annual Company Volunteer Workday		✓
Donation Amount	\$250	\$500

2015 BY THE NUMBERS



Trail Masters help build a new trail at Vanderburg Preserve in Cabarrus County.

1,810

hours of service contributed by Thread Trail volunteers



88

local municipalities have adopted CTT master plans

Residents of Rowan County provide input on the Thread Trail master plan maps.

12,480

fluid ounces of Gatorade consumed at volunteer workdays.

\$1.2 Million

in grants awarded to communities in 2015



Photo by Todd Hess

80+

members attended Fall into the Thread Oct. 8 at Jesse Brown's with special guest Jennifer Pharr Davis, the female Appalachian Trail Thru Hike Record Holder

26

volunteer workdays held in 2015



Volunteers plant milkweed along the Buffalo Creek Trail as part of a monarch butterfly habitat restoration. Photo by Alesia DiCosola



Greenway Gals, a membership affiliate group, on the Thread Trail at Anne Springs Close Greenway; photo by Allie Schwartz

309

members of the Carolina Thread Trail

7th

annual Trail Forum featured N.C. Department of Transportation Secretary Nick Tennyson as its keynote speaker



Photo by Todd Hess

2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

FUND BALANCES

Assets	Fund Balance: 12/31/2015 *	
Cash	\$3,409,739	
Outstanding Pledges	\$794,168	
Endowment Fund	\$2,669,950	
Total Assets, Net	\$6,873,857	

* Unaudited

OPERATING EXPENSE BY PROGRAM

	2014 Actual	2015* Budget	2016 Budget
Personnel cost	\$651,233	\$532,771	\$632,000
Office/Admin	\$92,603	\$79,815	\$81,794
Outreach & Development	\$84,270	\$71,152	\$142,200
Operations	\$7,155	\$16,677	\$33,200
Total Operating Expense	\$835,261	\$700,415	\$889,194

THE THREAD TRAIL IS GRATEFUL FOR THE GRANTS AWARDED TO US IN 2015:

Conservation Trust for North Carolina Piedmont & East Coast Grant

\$10,000 for the stewardship of Pumpkin Creek Preserve

Davidson College Impact Fellowship Grant

\$15,000 to partially fund a full-time, year-long position for a recent graduate

North Carolina Department of Commerce Underserved and Limited Resource Communities Grant Program (ULRC)

\$25,000 to construct a road, parking lot and kayak and canoe launch on the Rocky River

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI)

\$15,000 to build 1.3 miles of natural surface trail that extended the Piedmont Medical Center Trail at Riverwalk in York County, S.C.

United Technologies Aerospace Systems (UTAS) Mini Grant

\$1,000 to assist with the cost of a National Trails Day workday

GRANTS FROM THE THREAD TRAIL HELP COMMUNITIES AND NONPROFITS

The Carolina Thread Trail's quarterly grant awards serve as a catalyst for creating more sections of Thread Trail. The Governing Board awarded the following grants in 2015 to support trail planning, building or maintenance. Local communities or nonprofits with adopted master plans are eligible to apply.

Grant Recipient	Amount	Project
Catawba Lands Conservancy	\$65,000	Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge - Construct canoe/kayak launch in Anson County
Catawba Lands Conservancy	\$48,000	Mills Trail - Construct 2.4 miles of natural surface trail along the Rocky River in Cabarrus County
Catawba Lands Conservancy	\$47,000	Norwood Launch Site - Design, permit and construct parking area and canoe/kayak launch in Stanly County
Catawba Lands Conservancy	\$32,000	Vanderburg Trail and Launch - Design, permit and construct a parking area, canoe/kayak launch, and trail in Cabarrus County
Catawba Lands Conservancy	\$30,000	Little Egypt Preserve - Purchase 20 acres along Forney Creek in Lincoln County for future trail
Catawba Lands Conservancy	\$25,000	South Fork Rail Trail - Construct 1.2 miles of Rail Trail in Lincoln, N.C.
Catawba Lands Conservancy	\$15,000	Pumpkin Creek Preserve - Acquire 34 acres along the Rocky River in Stanly County for future kayak launch
Catawba Lands Conservancy	\$10,000	Vanderburg Preserve - Acquire 28 acres along Rocky River in Cabarrus County
City of Conover, N.C.	\$86,400	Lyle Creek Greenway - Construct 1.5 miles of natural surface trail
City of Shelby, N.C.	\$85,000	Construct trailhead
Cleveland County, N.C.	\$107,025	Kings Mountain Gateway Trail - Construct Phase IV
Katawba Valley Land Trust	\$21,461	Lindsay Pettas Greenway - Payment of any future invoices as part of the Thread Trail
Nation Ford Land Trust	\$150,000	Scott Trail Easement - Acquire trail easement along Catawba River in Fort Mill, S.C.
Town of Cornelius, N.C.	\$60,000	South Prong Rocky River Greenway - Fund construction documents for 0.6 miles of paved trail
Town of Granite Quarry, N.C.	\$50,000	Acquire easements and construct 3,200 linear feet of sidewalk
Town of Oakboro, N.C.	\$70,000	Rocky River Blueway Launch - Fund kayak launch in Stanly and Union counties
Town of Waxhaw, N.C.	\$150,000	Twelve Mile Creek Bridge - Construct 1,321 linear feet of natural surface trail and 170 foot bridge
Village of Misenheimer, N.C.	\$70,000	Construct 2.7 miles of sidewalk and natural surface trail
Village of Misenheimer, N.C.	\$25,000	Acquire property and easements along trail corridor
YMCA of Greater Charlotte	\$68,571	Sally's Y Trail - Construct 1/2 mile trail and three bridges along Forney Creek in Lincoln County
Total 2015	\$1,215,458	
Cumulative Total	\$4,916,389	

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Our donors' generous support each year enables us to advance trails throughout the region and connect more people to nature. This list includes corporate and individual gifts made during the 2015 calendar year. We have tried our best to ensure all names and amounts are correct. If you see an error, please contact Vanessa Gorr at 704-342-3330 x 218 vanessa@carolinathreadtrail.org

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McSpadden Custom Home
Mountain Khakis
REI Charlotte & Pineville
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
Trail Design Specialist
U.S. National Whitewater Center
WALC (Wandering Around Lincoln County)
Walton Development and Management (USA), Inc.
Whole Foods Market - Charlotte
Whole Foods Market - Lake Norman

INDIVIDUAL GREENWAY GALS

MEMBERS

\$500+

Anne and Henry Flint
Stephanie and James Kimball
Alice Lehman
Shoobha Van Cleeff

\$250+

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MEMBERS

Trailblazer \$100+

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