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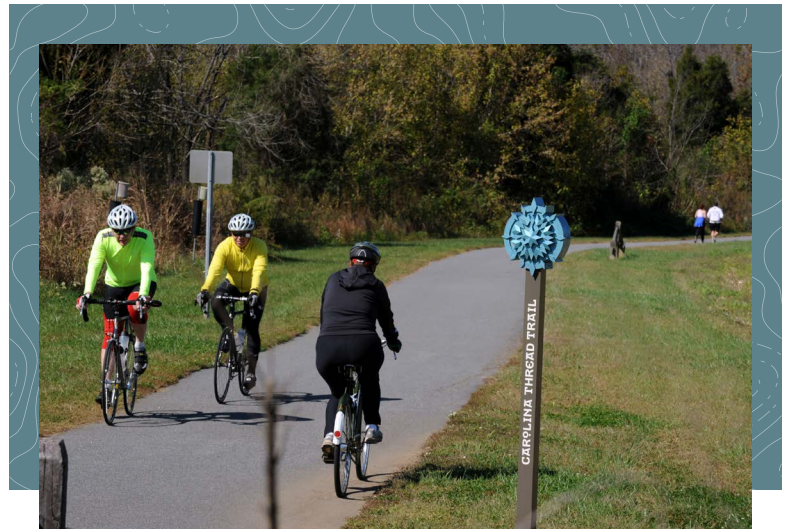
FACT SHEET

THE CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL is a network of trails, greenways, blueways 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.



QUICK FACTS

\$4.9 million in private grant awards to communities

15 counties with adopted Thread Trail master plans

88 local governments collaborating

260+ miles of trail and 170 miles of blueway open

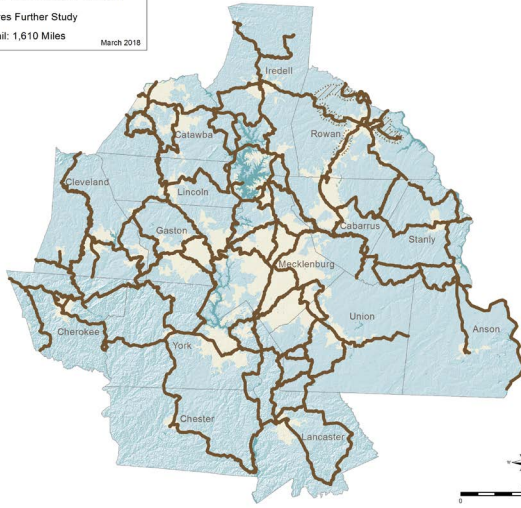
THE THREAD'S ROLE

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.

Carolina Thread Trail

Area Requires Further Study
 Adopted Trail: 1,610 Miles
 March 2018



North Carolina

Anson
 Pee Dee River Blueway
 Rocky River Blueway

Cabarrus
 Bakers Creek/Eighth Street Greenway
 Buffalo Creek Preserve Trail
 Hector H. Henry II Greenway
 Harold B. McEachern Greenway
 Irish Buffalo Creek Greenway
 McEachern Greenway
 Myers Park Greenway
 Pharr Family Preserve Trail
 Riverbend Farm Trail
 Rocky River Blueway

Catawba
 Catawba River Blueway
 Claremont City Park Trail
 Conover City Park Trail
 Gateway Park Trail
 Heritage Trail Greenway
 Hickory Greenway
 Lyle Creek Trail
 Murray's Mill Trail
 Southside Park Trail

Cleveland
 First Broad River Trail
 Kings Mountain Gateway Trail
 Ridgeline Trail
 River Trail and Cottonwood Trail

Gaston
 Avon/Catawba Creek Greenway
 Backside Trail
 Bessemer City Park Trail
 Catawba River Blueway
 Catawba Riverfront Greenway
 Crowders Mountain Trail
 Goat Island Greenway
 Highland Rail Trail
 Mount Holly Linear Park Trail
 Mountain Island Park Trail
 Pinnacle Trail
 Ridgeline Trail
 Riverside Greenway
 South Fork River Blueway
 South Fork Trail
 Seven Oaks Preserve Trail
 Stuart Cramer High School Trail

Iredell
 Catawba River Blueway
 Dye Creek Greenway
 Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council Trail
 Love Valley Trail
 Richardson Greenway
 Statesville Greenway
 Tomlison-Moore Park Trail

Lincoln
 Carolinas Medical Center Trail - Lincoln
 Catawba River Blueway
 Forney Creek Trail
 Marcia H. Cloninger Nature Preserve Trail
 Ramsour's Mill Trail
 Rock Springs Trail
 South Fork Rail Trail

Mecklenburg
 Bailey Road Park Trail
 Blythe Landing Park Trail
 Catawba River Blueway
 Clark's Creek and Mallard Creek Greenway

Mecklenburg (cont.)
 Four Mile Creek Greenway - Matthews
 Independence Park Trail
 Irwin Creek and Stewart Creek Greenways
 Little Sugar Creek Greenway
 Long Creek Preserve Trail
 Lower McAlpine Creek Greenway/McMullen Creek
 Greenway/Four Mile Creek Greenway
 McAlpine Creek/Campbell Creek Greenway
 McDowell Creek Greenway
 South Prong Rocky River Greenway/Southeast Greenway/
 Davidson Greenway
 Toby Creek Greenway and Ruth G. Shaw Trail
 Torrence Creek Greenway
 West Branch Nature Preserve Trail
 West Branch Rocky River Greenway

Stanly
 Darrel Almond Community Park Trail
 The Falcon Trail
 Morrow Mountain State Park Trail
 Rock Hole Creek Trail and Oakboro Rail Trail
 Rocky River Blueway
 Roger F. Snyder Greenway

Rowan
 Gold Hill Rail Trail
 Granite Civic Park Trail
 Granite Lake Park Trail
 Salisbury Community Park Trail
 Salisbury Greenway

Union
 Mineral Springs Greenway
 Monroe Country Club Trail
 Twelve Mile Creek Greenway - Town of Waxhaw
 Rocky River Blueway

South Carolina

Cherokee
 Kings Mountain State Park National Battlefield Trail
 Limestone College Quarry Trail
 Overmountain Victory Trail at Lake Whelchel and
 Cowpens National Battlefield

Chester
 Landsford Canal Trail
 Rocky Creek Trail
 Wylie Park Trail

York
 Baxter Village Trail
 Blue Star Trail
 Cane Creek Park Trail
 Catawba Nation Greenway Trail
 Catawba River Blueway
 Hood Center Trail
 Manchester Meadows Trail
 Nation Ford Greenway
 Northside Greenway
 Riverwalk: Piedmont Medical Center Trail
 River Park Trail
 River Park Waterford Spur Trail
 River Park Wetlands Trail
 Tech Park Lakeshore Trail
 Waterford Golf Course Trail
 York Greenway

Lancaster
 Andrew Jackson State Park Trail
 Catawba River Blueway
 Twelve Mile Creek Trail

and more miles to come...

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

LEARN MORE

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FIND TRAILS

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LAND TRUST PARTNERS

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



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Other land trust partners:

- Davidson Lands Conservancy
- Foothills Conservancy
- Katawba Valley Land Trust
- Land Trust for Central NC
- Nation Ford Land Trust