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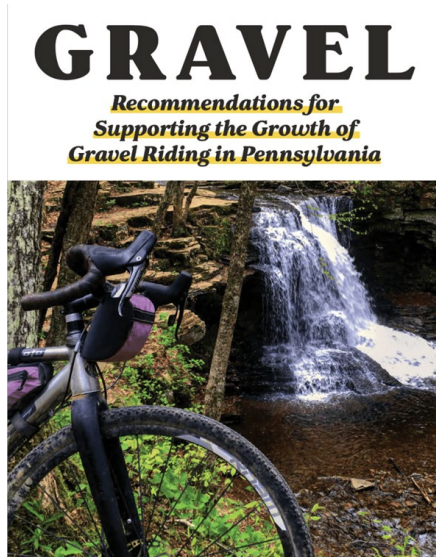
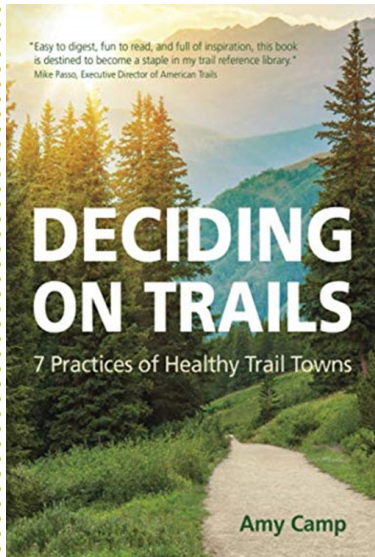
AGENDA

- Session #1 (9:40-10:40)
- Break (10:40-11)
- Session #2 (11-12)
- Lunch & Keynote (12-2) Lowrance Room
- Session #3 (2:15-3:15)
- Closing & Raffle (3:15-3:30)



KEYNOTE

"Ready, Set, Thrive –
Trail Communities
Prospering Through
Partnerships"



*Cycle
Forward*

**Amy Camp, Owner,
Cycle Forward**



THANK YOU TO OUR SESSION PRESENTERS!


Jimmy Prestwood, PE, Bicycle and Pedestrian Engineer, McAdams
Nick Lowe, RLA, Senior Landscape Architect, McAdams
Will Washam, Transportation Planner, Town of Mooresville
Eric Smallwood, Outdoor Program Director, DSBG
Jason Bonham, Director of Horticulture, DSBG
John Searby, Executive Director, DSBG and Catawba Riverkeeper
Kimberly Barb, PLA, ASLA, LEED AP BD+C, Partner/SR. Project Manager, Stimmel Associates
Jason Philbin, PE, President, PermaTrak North America
Spencer Finch, PE, Principal, Alta Planning and Design
Stephen Bzomowski, AICP, Planning Associate, Alta Planning and Design
Kimberly Williams, Senior Planning Associate, Alta Planning and Design
Brittnay Brown, Project Manager, Carolina Thread Trail/Catawba Lands Conservancy
Tim Porter, Chief Urban Forester, City of Charlotte
Brian Couture, PE, President of Engineering Services, Theorem Geo Associates Engineering
Christy Churchill, RLA, Landscape Architect, Hydro Licensing and Lake Services, Duke Energy

Craig Brickser, Owner and President, Community Trail Design
Matt Weschler, PE, LEED AP, Studio Leader, LandDesign
Emily Condon, PLA, ASLA, Landscape Architect, LandDesign
Curtis Bridges, AICP, Active Transportation Planner, CRTPO
Katie Lloyd, PLA, ASLA, Senior Planner, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation
John Cock, AICP, Senior Transportation Project Manager, Bolton and Menk
Stephen Bzomowski, AICP, Planning Associate, Alta Planning and Design
Hart Evans, Statewide Planning and Programming Manager, NCDOT
Palmer McIntyre, Director, NC Year of the Trail/Coordinator NC Great Trails State
Allison Anolik, Funding Advisory Services Lead/Senior Transportation Planner, McAdams
Dabney Sanders, Project Manager, Downtown Greenway, Greensboro
Shane Prisby, Trail Program Director, Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina
Michael Applegate, CDME, Director of Gaston County Travel and Tourism
May Barger – Public Art Consultant, Board Member – Carolina Thread Trail/Catawba Lands Conservancy





TRAIL PROJECT UPDATES



CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL UPDATES

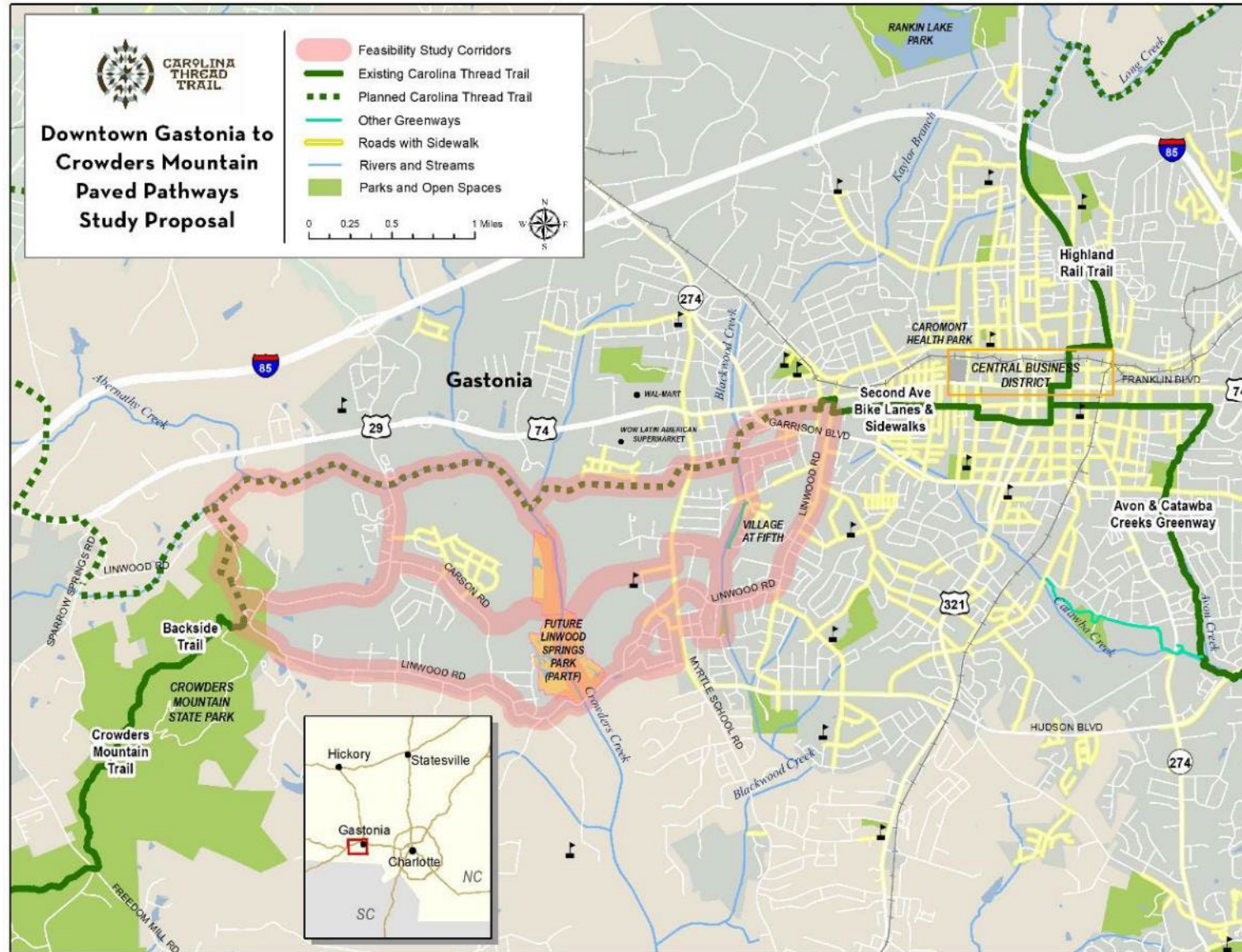
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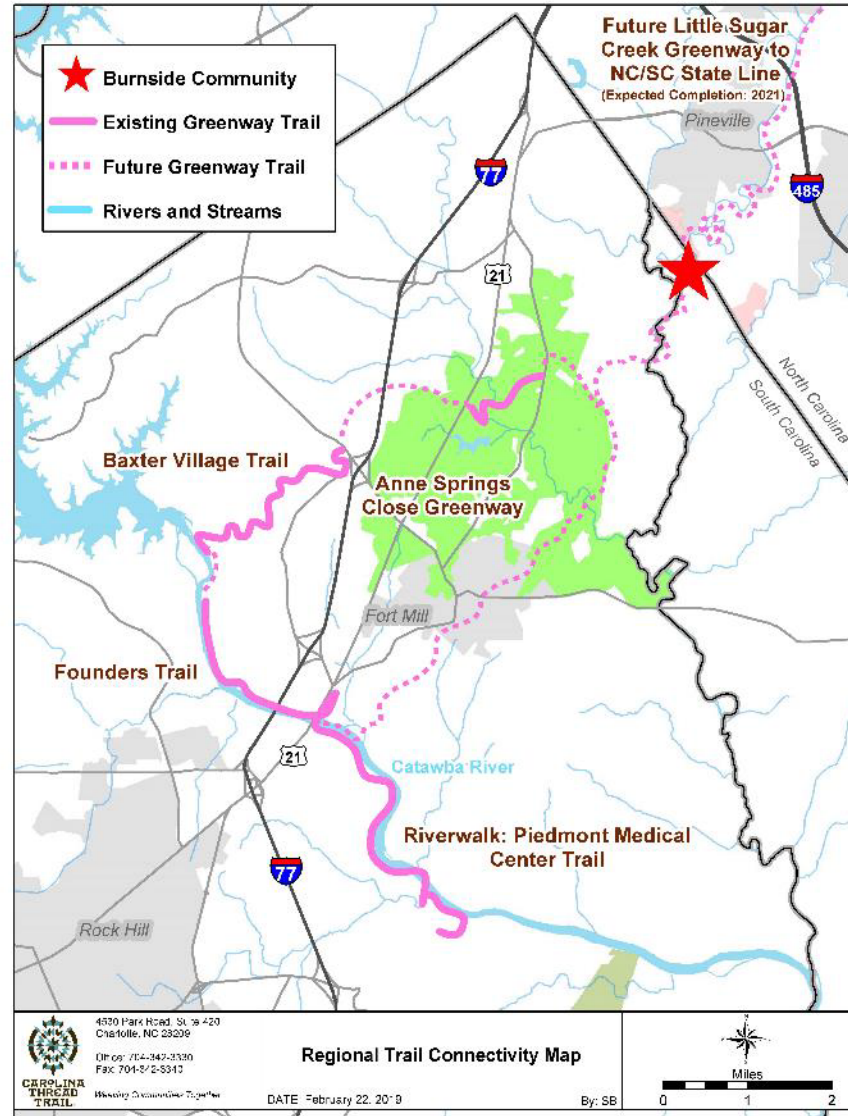
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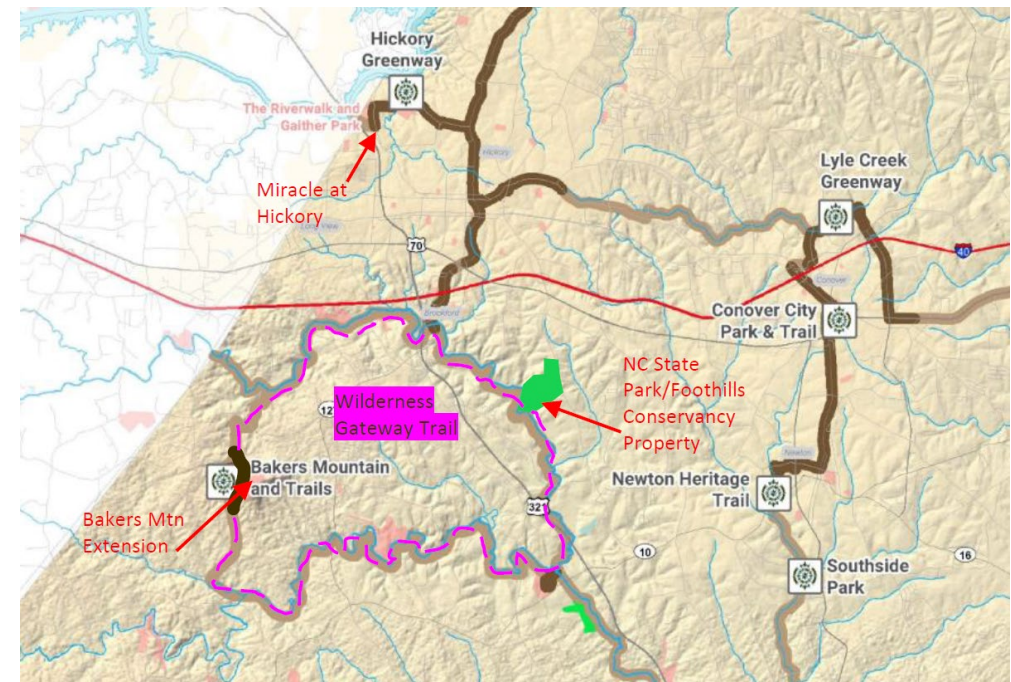
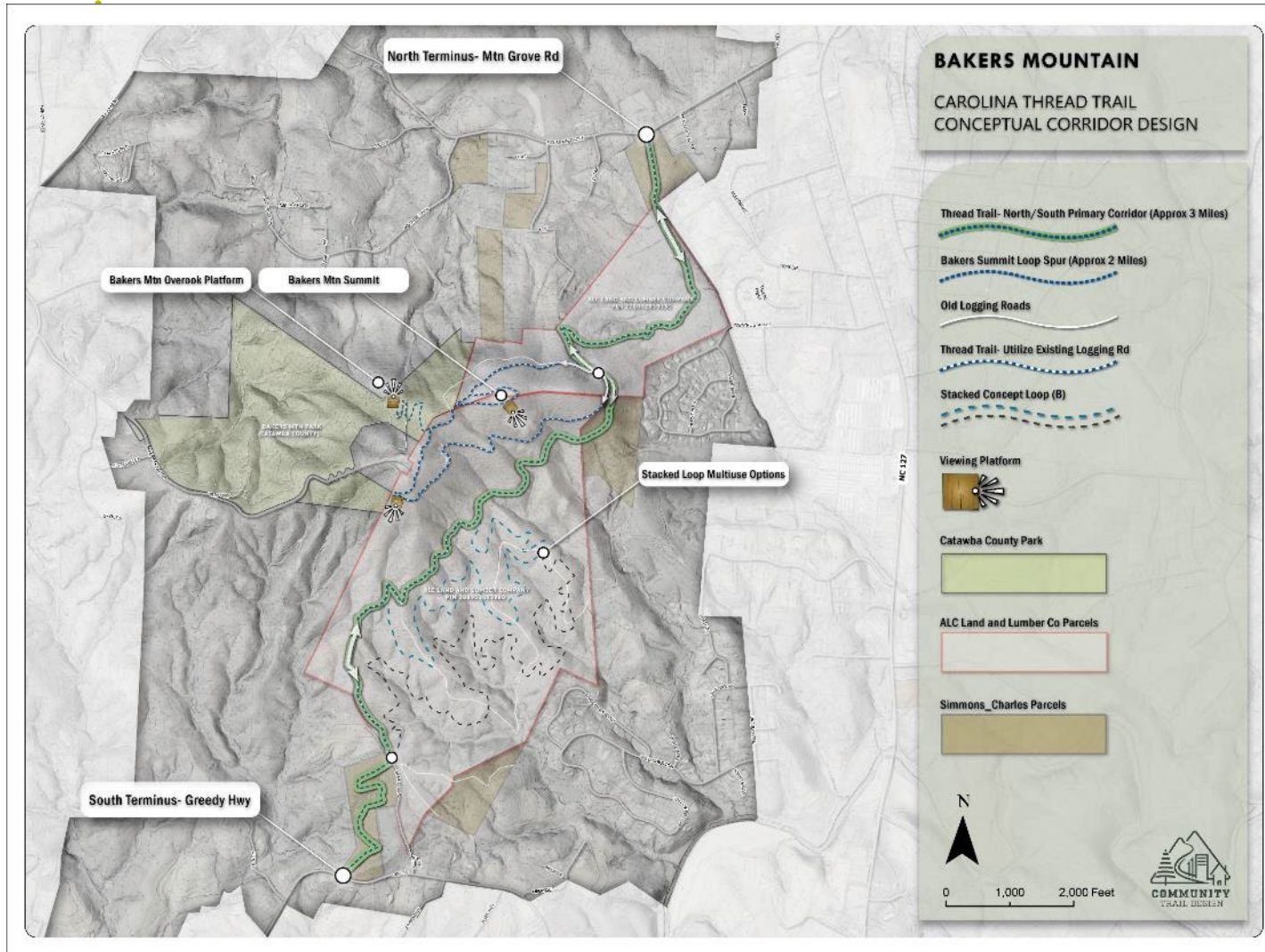
GASTONIA TO CROWDERS MOUNTAIN STUDY



STATE LINE CONNECTION INTO YORK COUNTY - FEASIBILITY STUDY



BAKERS MOUNTAIN



OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY TRAIL



TRAIL SIGNAGE PROGRAM

- 88 CTT signs & 45 stencils installed in 2023
 - With 2 counties, 7 municipalities



TRAIL COUNTERS

- 22 permanent counters
- 3 counters rotated to different sites
- Various trail surfaces with geographic distribution



REGIONAL ROUNDTABLES

- Western Region, May 18 in Lincoln County
- Southern Region, October 26 in Rock Hill



- Northern & Eastern Regions soon to come!



A person in a red kayak is seen from behind, paddling on a river. The river is surrounded by dense green trees. A large green rectangular overlay covers the center of the image, featuring white topographic line patterns at the top and bottom. The text "END OF YEAR RECAP" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters in the center of the green overlay.

END OF YEAR RECAP

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- 10 miles of trail opened in 2023
- 12.5 miles of trail under construction
- 88 CTT signs & 45 stencils installed
 - With 2 counties, 7 municipalities
- 13 programs, 2 Regional Roundtables, 1 tour
 - 281 people registered
- 17 tabling events & 18 speaking engagements



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

- 35 workdays completed
- 267 volunteers
- 1,612+ volunteer hours





HOW CAN WE HELP?

- CTT Implementation Grant Program
 - \$8 million in funds awarded
 - \$634,000 to 7 partners in 2023
- Grant writing assistance
- Planning assistance
- Education (Regional Round Tables & Trail Forum)
- Landowner outreach
- Partner & community outreach

We support you!



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