



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.



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.

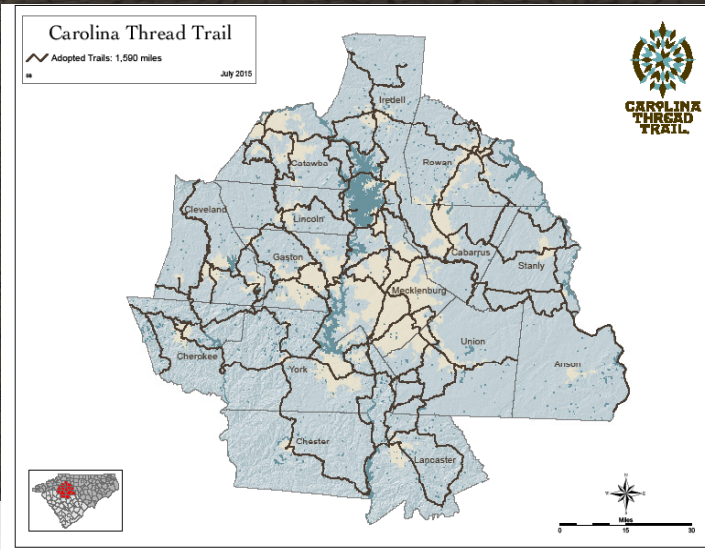
QUICK FACTS

\$4.9 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



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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LAND TRUST PARTNERS

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



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LANDS CONSERVANCY

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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

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...