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May 15, 2018

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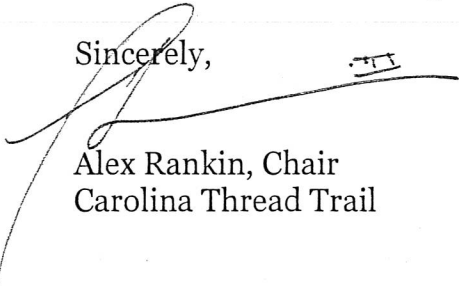
Dear Mr. Allen,

I am pleased to inform you that the Carolina Thread Trail Governing Board has approved grants of \$20,000 for corridor design for one of the Wadesboro Greenway and \$85,000 to purchase necessary easements and property to accommodate the Wadesboro Greenway trail expansion. Congratulations to you and your community partners!

This grant is subject to certain terms and conditions which will be described in a grant agreement to be signed by you and the Carolina Thread Trail Project Director. You will receive a grant agreement within two weeks. Enclosed you will find a copy of the press release announcing our Second Quarter Carolina Thread Trail implementation grant awards. Please contact Allison Schwartz at 704.342.3330 ext. 220 for assistance with local announcements or press releases.

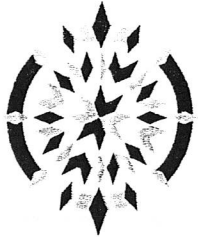
We greatly appreciate the enthusiasm the Town of Wadesboro has demonstrated for the Carolina Thread Trail. With the energy and commitment of communities like yours, we have much to celebrate as the Thread Trail winds throughout our region.

Sincerely,


Alex Rankin, Chair
Carolina Thread Trail

Enclosure
cc: Bret Baronak

**ATTACHMENT A
JUNE 4, 2018 MINUTES**



CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 21, 2018

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CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL AWARDS \$450,300 TO TRAIL PROJECTS IN 7 COMMUNITIES

Charlotte, N.C. – Last week, the Carolina Thread Trail Governing Board awarded \$450,300 in implementation grants for projects along the Thread Trail to the City of Shelby, Town of Wadesboro, City of Salisbury, Catawba Lands Conservancy, City of Lincolnton, Town of McAdenville and Gaffney, SC's Board of Public Works.

Implementation grants provide funding to communities and nonprofit organizations to assist with trail corridor planning, land acquisition, construction and trail amenities. There are currently over 260 miles of Thread Trail and 170 miles of Thread Trail blueway open to the public throughout a 15-county region in North and South Carolina. These grants were awarded in May as part of the Thread Trail's bi-annual grant cycle. To date, the Thread Trail has awarded more than \$6 million in catalytic grants to communities.

The grant award amount, community information and the use of the grants follow:

GAFFNEY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, GAFFNEY, S.C. (CHEROKEE COUNTY) - \$150,000

Funds from this grant will be used to cover the construction costs of approximately 4.5-5 miles of natural surface trail and necessary bridges for completion of the Overmountain Victory Historic Trail at Lake Welchel.

CITY OF SALISBURY, N.C. (ROWAN COUNTY) - \$132,000

This funding will be used for the design and engineering for expansion of the Salisbury Greenway from Catawba College to Kelsey Scott Park. This will connect with the Thread Trail segment from Kelsey Scott Park to Jake Alexander Blvd. This project will add approximately 1.6 miles of trail to the system.

TOWN OF WADESBORO, N.C. (ANSON COUNTY) - \$85,000 AND \$20,000

Funds will be used to complete a trail corridor planning study that will identify the preferred route options for the proposed 1.7 mile Wadesboro Greenway. Once the trail corridor planning effort is complete and a preferred route established, the Town will work to acquire trail easements that will facilitate a 1.7 mile trail that will provide linkages to the existing Wadesboro Park Trail and other key destinations within the community.

CITY OF SHELBY, N.C. (CLEVELAND COUNTY) - \$45,000

The grant will fund the widening of the First Broad River Trail from 5' to 10' to accommodate the high volume of trail users. This 1.5-mile trail runs along the First Broad River from the trailhead at Grover Street to south of W Dixon Boulevard.

CATAWBA LANDS CONSERVANCY, LINCOLNTON, N.C. (LINCOLN COUNTY) - \$10,800

This grant funding will be used to cover the required transaction costs associated with the Masspog Property in Lincolnton, NC, a 14.5-acre property that will be home to part of the 1.5-mile segment of trail that will serve as the connector between the South Fork Rail Trail and Marcia Cloninger Rail Trail.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, N.C. (LINCOLN COUNTY) - \$5,000

These funds will cover the costs for the research needed to clarify all ownership rights and determine the status of the railroad corridor and other properties in the missing link section between the Marcia Cloninger Rail Trail and South Fork Rail Trail.

TOWN OF MCADENVILLE, N.C. (GASTON COUNTY) - \$2,500

The grant will be used to fund the purchase of a trail easement through two properties along the South Fork River in McAdenville which will facilitate a critical linkage for the Thread Trail's South Fork corridor connection between Cramerton and McAdenville.

For more information, visit carolinathreadtrail.org or contact Carolina Thread Trail Community Coordinator Bret Baronak at 704-376-2556 ext. 216 or bret@carolinathreadtrail.org.

About The Carolina Thread Trail

The Carolina Thread Trail is a 15-county, two-state initiative designed to create a regional network of trails, blueways and conservation corridors that would link more than 2.3 million citizens. With technical resources and catalytic funding from the Thread Trail, local communities plan and implement their portions of this greenway system.

The Carolina Thread Trail region includes 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. Catawba Lands Conservancy is the lead agency for the Thread Trail, which is working in partnership with Foundation for the Carolinas and many local partners. Currently, more than 250 miles of Thread Trail are open to the public. For more information, visit carolinathreadtrail.org.

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