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THREAD TRAIL.



WELCOME TO THE 17TH ANNUAL TRAIL FORUM

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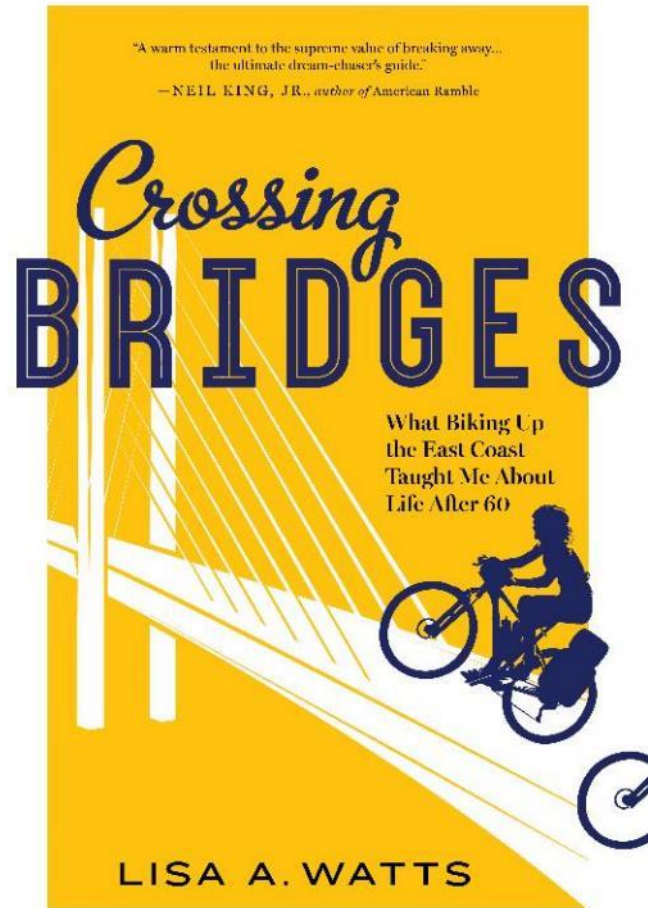
TRAIL FORUM 2024

AGENDA

- Concurrent Session #1 (10:00–11:00)
- Break (11-11:15)
- Session #2 (11:15-12:15)
- Lunch, Awards & Keynote (12:15-2) Lowrance Room
- Break (2-2:15)
- Session #3 (2:15-3:15)
- Closing & Raffle (3:15-3:30)



KEYNOTE - LISA WATTS “CROSSING BRIDGES”



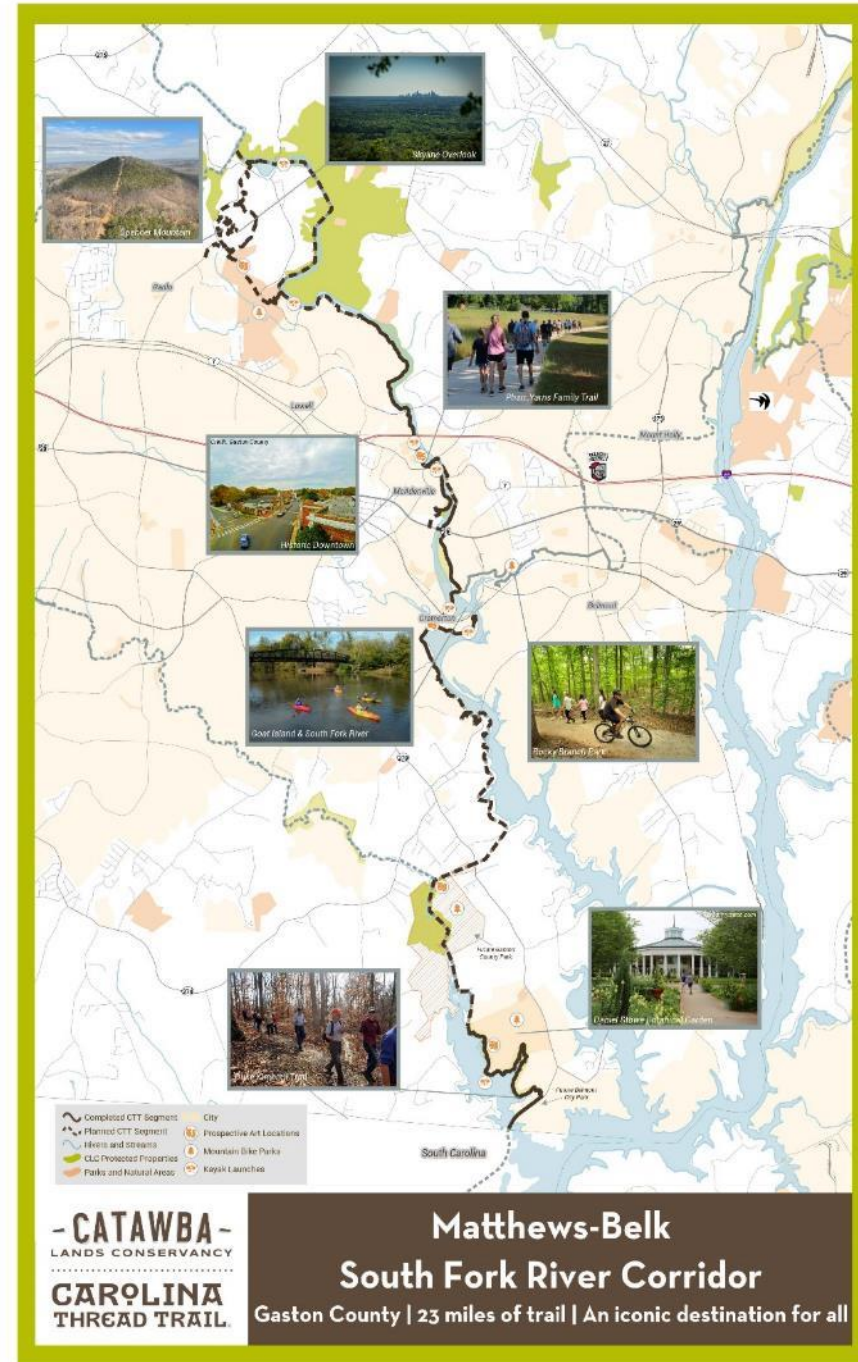
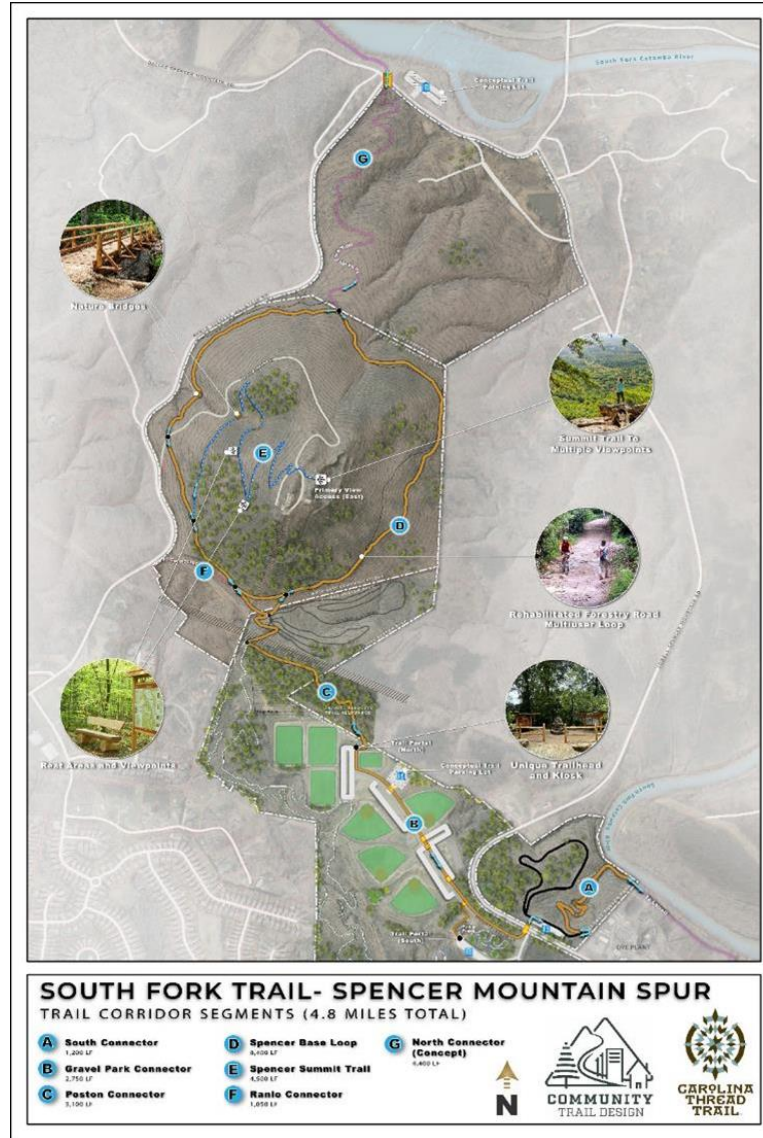


TRAIL PROJECT UPDATES

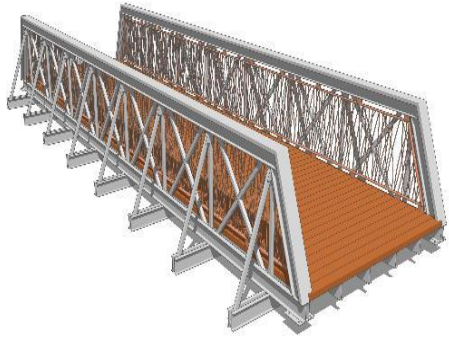


CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

MATTHEWS-BELK SOUTH FORK RIVER CORRIDOR



SPENCER MOUNTAIN TRAILS



Concept credit: Nature Trails



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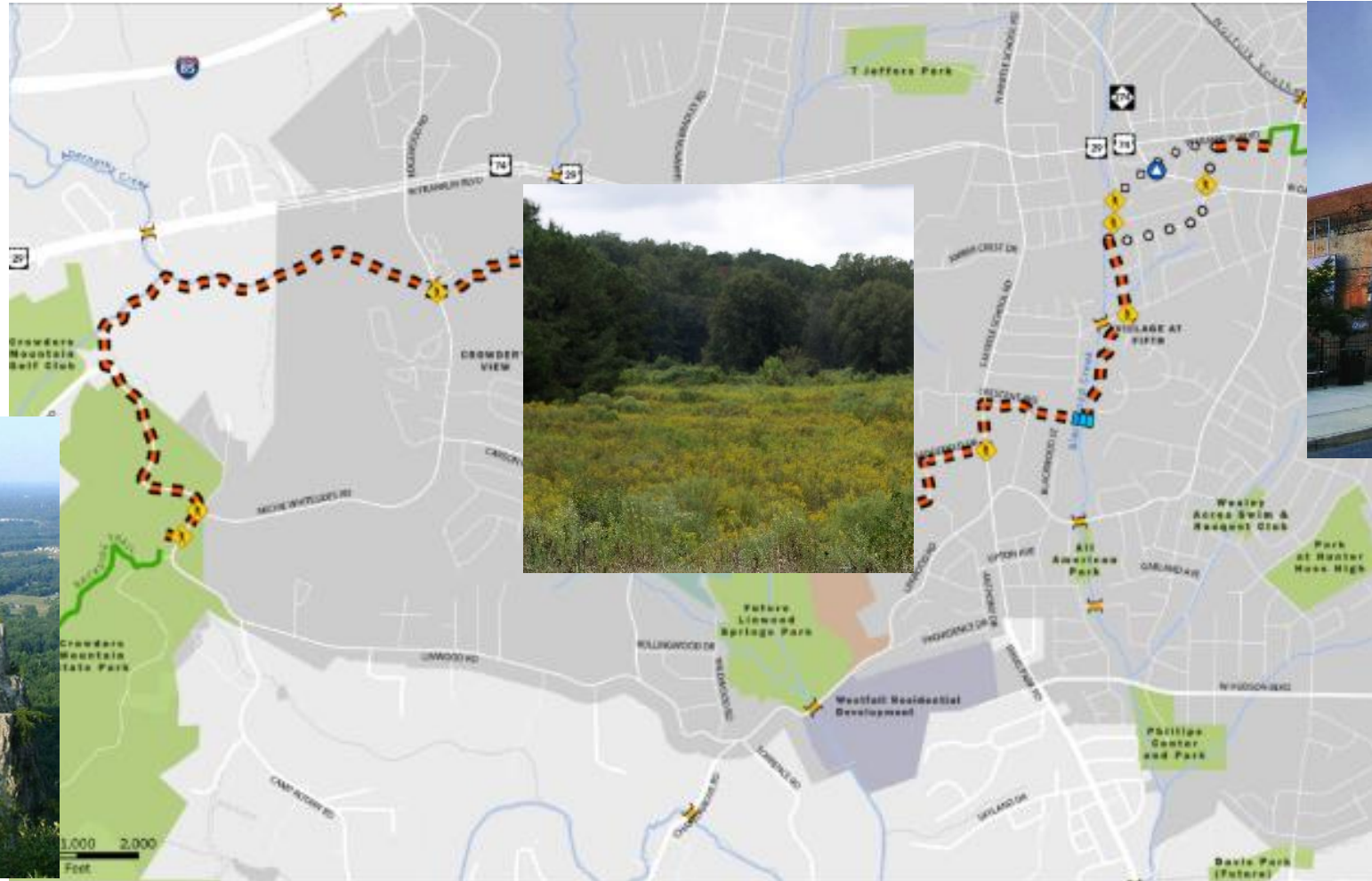


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GASTONIA TO CROWDERS MOUNTAIN STUDY



GASTONIA-CROWDERS MOUNTAIN PAVED PATHWAYS FEASIBILITY STUDY

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

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| Recommended Alternative | Existing Carolina Thread Trail | Stream |
| Option A | DOT Bridge | Park |
| Option B | Pedestrian Bridge | City of Gastonia |
| Connector to Linwood Springs Park | Pedestrian Crossing | |
| Linwood Park Former Cart Path | Garrison Avenue Culvert | |



FEASIBILITY STUDY - NC/SC STATE LINE TO DOWNTOWN FORT MILL

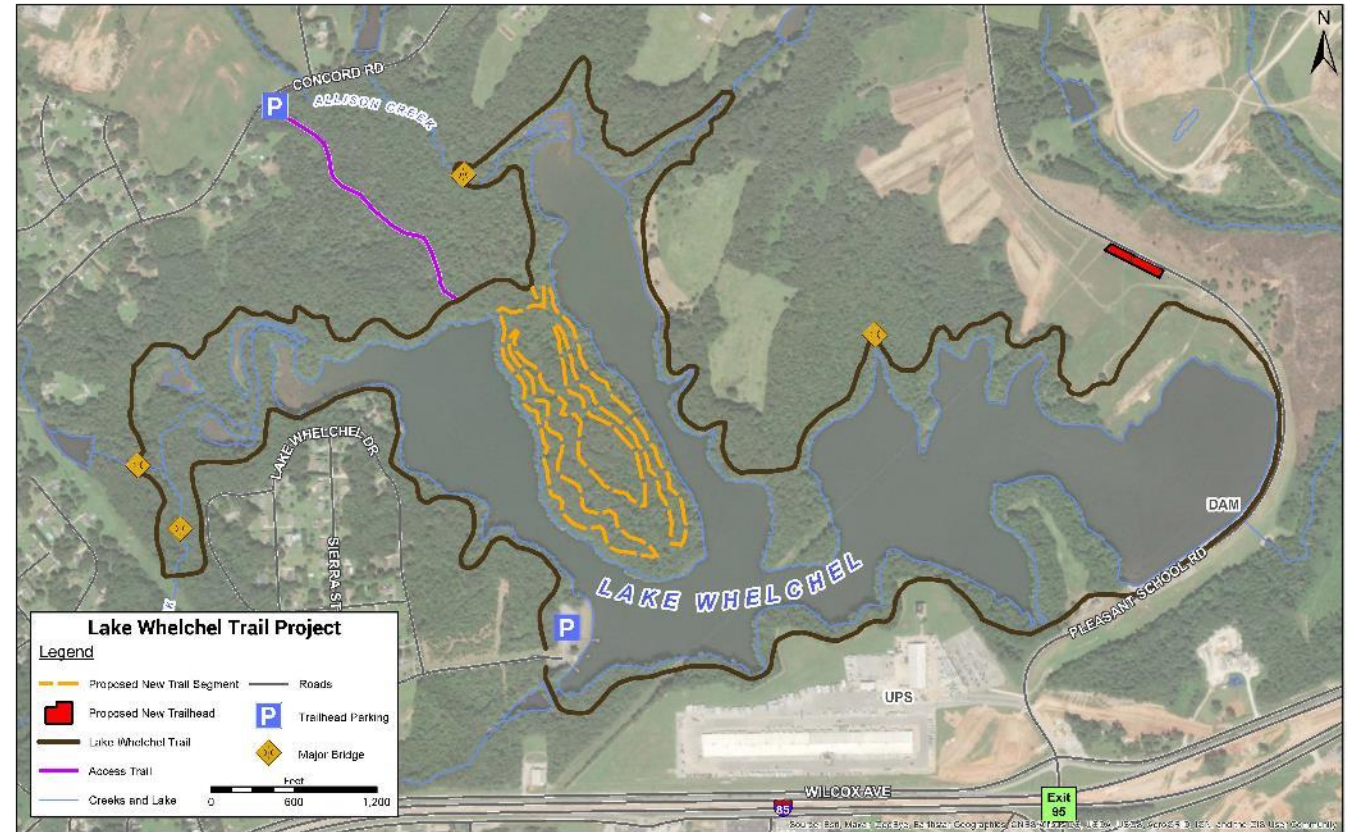


What are your three (3) most important routing preferences for the proposed segments of the Carolina Thread Trail?

- Provide connections between existing greenways and trails
 - Route along or provide access to Sugar Creek
 - Provide access to parks and recreational areas
 - Other (please specify)
 - Provide access to adjacent neighborhoods/residential areas
 - Provide connections to schools along the corridor
 - Provide access to commercial areas along the corridor
 - Most cost-effective route
 - Most direct route (shortest length)
- Additional preferences listed:
- *Minimal intersections
 - *Route with the least environmental damage
 - *Connections to the most local and regional destinations and future transit
 - *Not near homes and neighborhoods
 - *Parking
 - *E-bike friendly



OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY TRAIL



REGIONAL ROUNDTABLES

- North Region, June 4 at Jetton Park
- East Region, November 14 at Wingate University



- Western & Southern Regions return in 2025!



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 vertical overlay covers the center of the image, featuring white topographic map patterns at the top and bottom. The text "END OF YEAR RECAP" is centered in white on the green overlay.

END OF YEAR RECAP

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

- 221 volunteers
- 1,848 Hours
- 10 Trail Monitors and Adopters for fifteen miles of CLC/CTT-owned Trails
- 234-Hour Increase from '23



END OF YEAR RECAP

- 27.5 miles of trails opened or under construction in 2024
- 30 programs, 2 Regional Roundtables
- 22 speaking engagements



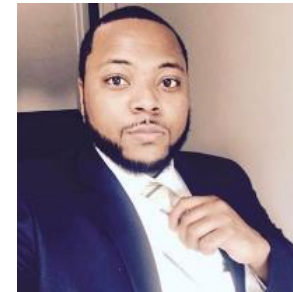


HOW WE HELP

- Grant writing assistance
- Planning assistance
- Education (Regional Round Tables & Trail Forum)
- Landowner outreach
- Partner & community outreach
- CTT Implementation Grant Program

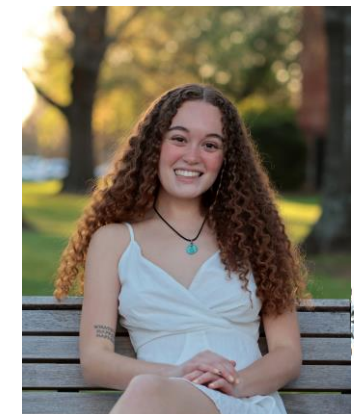


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