



## GASTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

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Gaston County Planning Board  
Attention: Peyton Wiggins  
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RE: Letter of Support – Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan Amendment

Dear Gaston County Planning Board Members:

On behalf of the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, I would like to voice support for the proposed amendment to the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan. The Gaston County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden trail addition at our March 17, 2025 meeting.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recognizes the importance of Gaston County's outdoor resources. Our 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan addresses the value of Gaston County's existing Carolina Thread Trail network and emphasizes its continued collaborative development. Trail segments identified within the comprehensive plan as the highest priority include the Matthews Belk South Fork River Corridor of which the 1-mile trail amendment at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden is a part.

Thank you for your consideration of Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan Amendment. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board fully supports its adoption and the opportunity to promote outdoor recreation for citizens and visitors to Gaston County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Isenhour". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindy Isenhour, Chair  
Gaston County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board