

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GASTON

**INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE AGREEMENT**

**THIS INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE AGREEMENT** (the “Agreement”), is made this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by and between Gaston County, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, whose address is PO Box 1578 Gastonia, NC 28053 (“County”) and Catawba Lands Conservancy, a North Carolina not for profit organization (“CLC”), whose address is 2400 Park Road, Suite 1, Charlotte, NC 28203:

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the County and CLC have worked together to develop an interpretative master plan for trails located in George Poston Park, Gaston County, North Carolina, locations of which are more particularly shown on **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the “**Signage**”), and

**WHEREAS**, the County has agreed to contribute ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) as a cost-share with CLC for a portion of the cost of fabrication, purchase, and installation of Signage (the “**Cost Share Payment**”), and

**WHEREAS**, the County has agreed to provide routine maintenance of the Signage and around the areas of installation, and

**WHEREAS**, the County has agreed to replace Signage, correct damage or conduct major repairs as needed, and

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto recognize and agree that the Signage is important for natural, cultural, and historical interpretation to trail users, and

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto jointly acknowledge the value and community benefits of trails and interpretive signs and voluntarily enter into this Agreement to establish the responsibilities of the County and CLC with respect to the Signage;

**NOW, THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION OF** the foregoing, the parties acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement:

1. **Sign Types.** The initial installation of Signage includes but isn’t limited to upright, double pedestal, single pedestal, or snake stake signs as shown on **Exhibit B** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Quantities of each sign type have yet to be determined and are subject to change based on Signage pricing or alterations of the Signage locations or adjustments to Signage priorities.

2. **Fabrication.** CTT shall be responsible for purchasing all Signage from the selected fabricator based on the specifications agreed upon with the County.
3. **Installation.** All Signage shall be installed by the contractor or subcontractor selected by CTT to perform such services, unless otherwise agreed with the County to use its own employees, contractors or subcontractors to complete installation.
4. **Routine Maintenance.** The County will clean all Signage surfaces and shall clear all vegetation or other debris as necessary to prevent injury and to provide an aesthetically pleasing interpretative trail experience.
5. **Replacement.** In the event of damage to or destruction of the Signage, the County will be responsible for replacement. Signs requiring replacement will be of the same type and installed in the same manner and in the same location as shown on Exhibit A, if feasible. If Signage cannot be replaced in the same location designated in Exhibit A for a technical reason, the parties shall mutually agree upon an alternate location.
6. **Monitoring.** The County and CLC both agree to visually monitor and inspect the Signage for damage at regular intervals. In the event Signage is in poor condition, damaged or destroyed, the party who observed this issue will notify the party responsible for maintenance, care or replacement through notice as described in Paragraph 9 below. Once notified, the responsible party will address, or engage a contractor or subcontractor to address, the issue within thirty (30) days.
7. **Access.** The County shall not unreasonably restrict access to the Signage locations.
8. **Payment.** The Cost Share Payment shall be made by check written out to the Catawba Lands Conservancy, and shall be disbursed by mail to the address set forth in Paragraph 9 within (30) days of the Effective Date of this Agreement.
9. **Notices.** Any notice or communication that either party desires or is required to give to the other shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

Gaston County:           Gaston County  
                                   128 W. Main Ave  
                                   Gastonia, NC 28053  
                                   Attention: Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Director

CLC and CTT:            Catawba Lands Conservancy  
                                   2400 Park Rd, Suite 1  
                                   Charlotte, North Carolina 28203  
                                   Attention: Executive Director

or to such other address as either party from time to time shall designate by written notice to the other.

10. **Insurance.** At all times while this Agreement remains in force and effect, CLC shall maintain commercial general liability insurance coverage and shall require any contractors or subcontractors performing work related to the Signage installation, replacement or other repair to maintain insurance sufficient to meet the County's requirements and shall name the County as an additional insured.
11. **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract entered into pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina and shall in all respects be governed, construed, applied and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina. This Agreement is Effective as of the date first referenced above.
12. **Amendment.** This Agreement may not be amended except by written instrument mutually agreed upon and duly executed by the parties hereto.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGES]

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have caused this instrument to be executed and effective as of the day and year first above written.

**GASTON COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

**CATAWBA LANDS CONSERVANCY**, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: C. Barton Landess

Its: Executive Director

# EXHIBIT A

## Signage Location Map



## EXHIBIT B

### Interpretative Signage Types

Upright



Double Pedestal



Single Pedestal



Snake Stake

