



RESOLUTION TITLE: TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL MASTER PLAN AND MAPS FOR GASTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES TO INCLUDE GEORGE POSTON PARK AND SPENCER MOUNTAIN

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2009, the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Commission and the Gaston County Planning Board, voted to recommend adoption/approval of the "Carolina Thread Trail Plan for Gaston County Communities" to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, a Resolution to support the Carolina Thread Trail was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 26, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the Carolina Thread Trail has submitted a map amendment to include new proposed trail connectivity from adopted Thread Trail along the South Fork River through George Poston Park to Spencer Mountain and north to the intersection of Dallas-Spencer Mountain Road and Ranlo-Spencer Mountain Road; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Ranlo offers written support of same; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board voted to recommend adoption/approval of the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan and Maps Amendment at their regularly scheduled meetings on August 19, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners adopts the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan and Maps Amendment; a submittal to include George Poston Park and Spencer Mountain that is intended to provide better connectivity and outdoor recreation opportunities for Gaston County residents and visitors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager is authorized to make necessary notifications in this matter to appropriate parties.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	CBrown	CCloninger	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	RWorley	Vote
2024-373	10/22/2024	TK	KJ	AB	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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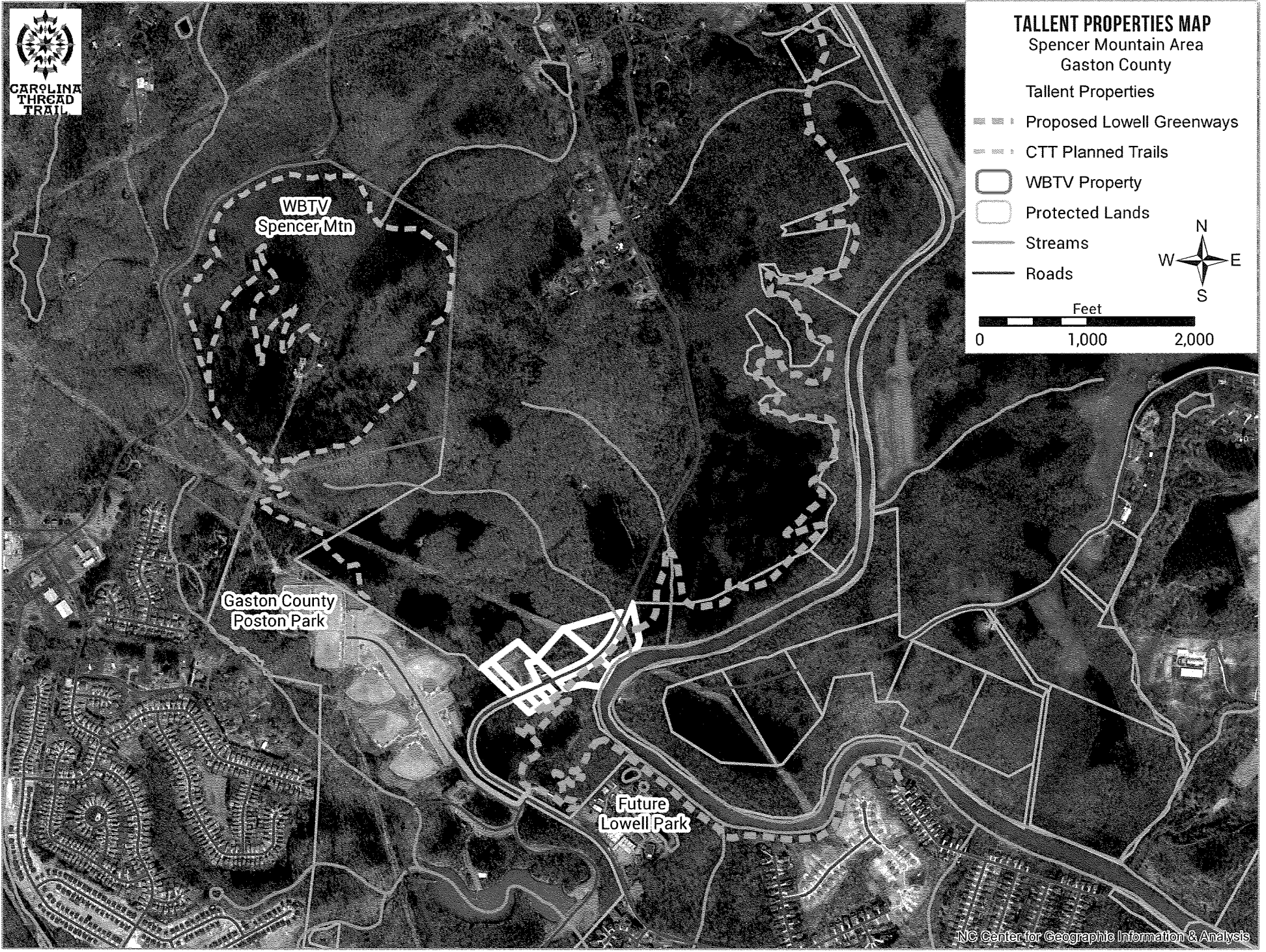
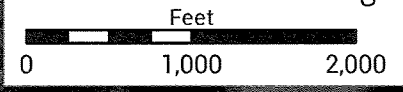


TALLENT PROPERTIES MAP

Spencer Mountain Area
Gaston County

Tallent Properties

- Proposed Lowell Greenways
- CTT Planned Trails
- WBTV Property
- Protected Lands
- Streams
- Roads



NC Center for Geographic Information & Analysis



September 24, 2024

Gaston County
128 W. Main Ave
Gastonia, NC 28-52

RE: 2024 CTT Amendment- George Poston Park and Spencer Mountain

Dear Mr. Rhoten:

I am writing to express my sincere support of the amendment to the Carolina Thread Trail Plan for Gaston County Communities to include planned trail from the South Fork River through George Poston Park to Spencer Mountain and north to the intersection of Dallas-Spencer Mountain Road and Ranlo-Spencer Mountain Road.

The Carolina Thread Trail is a regional network of greenways and trails that ultimately will connect 2.9 million people in 15 counties in North and South Carolina. The Spencer Mountain trails project is a part of the 23-mile Matthews-Belk South Fork River Corridor. Over half of the Matthews-Belk South Fork River Corridor exists today extending from Spencer Mountain to the South Carolina state line following the scenic blueway that is the South Fork of the Catawba River.

The Town of Ranlo previously opted to be excluded from the Carolina Thread Trail master plan in Gaston County. We are thrilled to now have the opportunity to change course in order to be a part of the iconic planned trail segment on Spencer Mountain and connector to Ranlo's Town Lodge community center.

The Spencer Mountain trails project will be unlike any other in our area allowing thousands of residents and guests to visit the third highest point in the Charlotte region to enjoy Blue Ridge Mountain and Charlotte skyline views. This visitation that includes people of all walks of life will increase energy and support for parks and trails in our area. It will also generate enhanced economic activity for our local communities that are rebranding themselves around outdoor recreation.

The Town of Ranlo fully supports the Carolina Thread Trail Plan amendment by Gaston County to include Spencer Mountain and adjoining trails. Thank you for your partnership and commitment to making Gaston County a premier outdoor recreation destination.

Respectfully,

Charlie Hansen

Charlie Hansen
Town Manager
1825 Spencer Mountain Road
Gastonia, NC 28054



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Parks & Recreation

Board Action

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STAFF CONTACT

Ellen Fenters - Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

BUDGET IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

On February 28, 2008, the Board of County Commission approved a Resolution to support the Carolina Thread Trail. This support allowed for the development of a Master Trail Plan facilitated by Catawba Lands Conservancy and Carolina Thread Trail Planning Team to work with the county, municipalities, and neighboring communities to design, plan, and build a system of connected trails in the 15 County Region, with the mission being to bring resources to Gaston County for trail planning and construction.

On March 26, 2009, the Board of County Commission approved a Resolution to adopt the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan for Gaston County Communities; an outline for a system of trails that will connect our communities, people and special regional points of interest for years to come. The plan does not allow for property condemnation, and property easements, including abandoned railway lines, will only be acquired from willing property owners. In addition, adoption of the plan does not imply a commitment of funding by Gaston County for implementation. The plan is a concept consisting of trail connections or lines on the Master Plan Map that are flexible and can be moved as necessary.

In 2020, the Board of County Commission approved a Resolution to adopt a map amendment to include the Rocky Branch Park - Trail Enhancement Plan's multi-use trail and a new multi-use trail through the Stuart W. Cramer High School property. The Commission approved the map amendment in support of this new trail corridor between Cramerton and Belmont that is intended to provide better connectivity and outdoor recreation opportunities for Gaston County residents and visitors.

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POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution, Map and Letter of Support