

# CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT GASTON COUNTY STAFF REPORT

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## APPLICATION SUMMARY

**Request:**

To amend the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan to reflect the route recommendation of the Gastonia-Crowders Mountain Paved Pathways Feasibility Study.

**Applicant(s):**

Carolina Thread Trail – Jane Love

## BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

The Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) applied for a feasibility study grant through the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to evaluate a potential paved pathway connection between Crowders Mountain and downtown Gastonia. Once the grant was awarded, the City of Gastonia partnered with the CTT, the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO), and NCDOT to develop the study.

The study re-examined the CTT route between existing trail segments at Crowders Mountain State Park and downtown Gastonia, with a focus on incorporating the city’s new Linwood Springs Park as a central connection point.

After reviewing alternatives, the preferred route follows Crowders Creek on the west and connects through Linwood Springs Park to the Blackwood Creek greenway on the east, continuing north to tie into the W. Second Ave bikeway and downtown network.

The Carolina Thread Trail Board of Directors is requesting to amend the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan to reflect the recommendation of the Gastonia-Crowders Mountain Paved Pathways Feasibility Study.

**Attachments: Carolina Thread Trail Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Item, Recommended Amendment Map, and City of Gastonia Adopted Resolution**