



## Carolina Thread Trail – Catawba County Government Center Section

In 1975, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners recognized future expansion needs for the jail, courthouse, and administration and began discussions to acquire land for what is now the Catawba County Government Campus. The property exceeds 100 acres and was formerly owned by J. L. Herman. The Board worked with Mr. Herman's daughters to purchase the property in 1976.

### About the Trail - What to See

The Carolina Thread Trail runs along a portion of the City of Newton's Heritage Trail Greenway before heading east toward downtown Newton. Along this 0.6 mile section of trail you'll pass through a Mesic Mixed Hardwood forest containing plant species such as White Pine, Sourwood, Beech, Redbud and Sassafras. You'll also cross a north facing slope overlooking a tributary of Hildebran Creek. The slope creates a micro-climate supportive of plants such as Mountain Laurel and Dwarf Heartleaf Ginger. It is home to a variety of mammals, reptiles, and birds. The stacked stone wall visible along Radio Station Road was part of the Herman homestead and the portion along US 321 Highway was built by Mr. Richard Sipe to match the original wall.



Tree Adaptation  
American Beech  
(*Fagus grandifolia*)



J. Harding  
Five – lined Skink  
(*Eumeces fasciatus*)



Mountain Laurel  
(*Kalmia latifolia*)

## Special Thanks to Our Partners



## Guidelines for Enjoyment

The Carolina Thread Trail is a regional network of greenways, trails and blueways that reaches 15 counties, 2 states and 2.3 million people. There are over 250 miles of trails open to the public – linking people, places, cities, towns and attractions. The Thread Trail preserves our natural areas and is a place for exploration of nature, culture, science and history. This is a landmark project that provides public and community benefits for everyone, in every community. For more information about the Carolina Thread Trail call: 704.342.3330 or visit them on-line at: [www.carolinathreadtrail.org](http://www.carolinathreadtrail.org).

The trail and parking lot located at the County's Animal Shelter are open from Dawn to Dusk. For the enjoyment of others and protection of the property, please remember:

- Enjoy the trail with a friend.
- Take trash and recyclables home.
- Do not remove or disturb plant and animal life.
- Keep pets on a leash and clean up waste.
- Foot and bicycle traffic only.
- Except for rest areas, stay on main trail and don't trespass on posted property.

The following activities are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** and violators are subject to prosecution:

- Overnight parking or camping.
- Consumption or possession of alcohol.
- Hunting or discharging a firearm.
- Swimming, wading, or bathing.
- Fires or portable grills.
- Use of motorized vehicles including ATVs, motorcycles, scooters, etc.

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

**CALL 911**

Physical Address: 100A Southwest Blvd. Newton, NC

Trail Manager - Contact the Catawba County Planning and Parks Department at 828.465.8380 with any trail maintenance issues.