

The Hickory Hound

A blog about the vitality, growth, and future of Hickory, North Carolina. All Comments and input are welcome.



An Evolutionary Movement
of the People,
by the People,
and for the People.

Newsletter about the City Council meeting of December 7, 2010

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

[excerpted]

Review and Acceptance of the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan for Catawba

County - The Carolina Thread Trail is a fifteen (15) county, two (2) State initiative designed to facilitate the creation of a regional network of trails, blueways, greenways and conservation corridors to link more than 2.3 million citizens. Catawba Lands Conservancy is the lead agency and is working in partnership with the Foundation for the Carolinas. In 2009 the planning process began in Catawba County and a steering committee was developed with a representative from local governments within the county. The steering committee completed its work in September 2010 by accepting the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan for Catawba County. Local governments are being asked to consider acceptance prior to its consideration by the Catawba County Board of Commissioners on December 20, 2010. The master plan was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Commission on November 9, 2010. Acceptance does not take the place of any existing master plans nor does it commit the City of Hickory to fund any implementation of the plan. Carolina Thread Trail staff will continue to work with local municipalities in Catawba County to secure funding.

<http://www.carolinathreadtrail.org/> - Mack McLeod, Director of Parks and Recreation made the presentation - The information he went over is presented thoroughly below.

The Hound believes that this effort can lead to the viability of walkability in our community. I first heard of this effort while attending a Hickory by Choice meeting earlier in the year. This is definitely an exciting prospect because it ties together existing infrastructure and scenic landscapes. This effort costs very little other than posting of signage. We need to enhance pedestrian lifestyles in this community and make walking safer for everyone. This is healthy for the community as a whole. [Catawba County Master Plan Draft](#)

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