

Kannapolis gets greenway grant

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KANNAPOLIS — The city will receive part of \$563,795 distributed to 13 projects by the Carolina Thread Trail governing board, the Thread Trail organization said in a press release today.

Kannapolis will get \$30,000 to help pay for design and construction documents for a 4,400-foot section of the Irish Buffalo Creek Greenway between Rogers Lake Road and Safrit Park. The city put up \$3,000 in matching funds.

The city submitted a grant application for the funding, which is to assist with trail corridor design, land acquisition and construction.

The Carolina Thread Trail is a 15-county, two state initiative aimed at creating a regional network of trails, waterways and conservation corridors to link more than 2.3 million people.

The grants announced today will help build about 43 miles of trails, the press release said.

"Seven counties have created trail master plans and lots of local momentum," said Ruth Shaw, chairwoman of the Carolina Thread Trail governing board. "This round of funding will help put trail miles on the ground — a great example of thinking regionally and acting locally."

Catawba Lands Conservancy is the lead agency for the Thread Trail, working in partnership with Foundation For The Carolinas and other local partners.

In addition to Kannapolis recipients of Carolina Thread Trail implementation grants in 2010 are located in Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Cleveland and Gaston counties in North Carolina and Chester and York counties in South Carolina.

To date, The Thread has awarded more than \$1.5 million in grants to Carolina Thread Trail communities and trail projects.

Letters of interest for the 2011 grants cycle will be accepted starting in December 2010. For more information, visit carolinathreadtrail.org.

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