



Thread Trail talks scheduled

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The future is not only bright, but very green for Union County.

Residents can attend one of a series of community meetings this month to discuss the Carolina Thread Trail, a regional network of greenways connecting North and South Carolina. Twelve of 14 Union County towns support the idea.

"People should always be involved in their jurisdiction ... and help shape the way things are going to look in the future," Marvin planner Anna Whalen said.

The Thread Trail is a nonprofit organization promoting physical activity, clean air and water, economic growth and preservation of natural resources.

Based on town surveys, many Marvin residents moved there for the rural atmosphere.

Other towns boast urban development, and it's that dichotomy that makes Union County unique, Thread Trail community coordinator Travis Morehead said.

The county already has some developed parks and greenways, he said, and he's anxious to see what else it has to offer.

Based on participation, upcoming meetings will give Morehead a closer look at "what kind of potential the Carolina Thread Trail has in Union County."

Carolina Thread Trail representatives also give telephone surveys to ask residents for feedback, a process they hope to complete prior to the meetings.

Marvin already has a parks and greenways master plan and considered the Thread Trail when discussing a regional transportation plan with Weddington, Waxhaw and Wesley Chapel. Other towns hope to incorporate trails into their own plans.

For more information, call 202-543-7552 or e-mail carolinathreadtrail@yahoo.com.

THREAD TRAIL MEETINGS

July 19: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Weddington Swim and Racquet Club
4315 Matthews-Weddington Road, Weddington

July 20: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Museum of the Waxhaws
8215 Waxhaw Highway, Waxhaw

July 21: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Union West Regional Library
123 Unionville-Indian Trail Road, Indian Trail

July 22: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Union County Cooperative Extension
3230-S Presson Road, Monroe

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