

The **Kannapolis Walkable Community Plan** was initiated by the City of Kannapolis and made possible through a \$24,000 North Carolina Department of Transportation Grant. The goals of the Plan are to create a more livable community through the promotion and development of pedestrian amenities and facilities which are safe, accessible, and connect destinations within the City (and larger region) through alternative transportation and circulation networks. A commitment to providing facilities and amenities for active lifestyles and access to destinations will positively contribute to the mental and physical health of residents, as well as their overall quality of life. By accommodating all modes of transportation, the City of Kannapolis will be an even more attractive place for citizens, visitors, new residents, and businesses.

Vision Statement

The Kannapolis Walkable Community Plan will contribute to the City's larger vision of establishing itself as one of the most dynamic and desirable communities in the Central Carolinas. The Walkable Community Plan's Vision is to enhance and expand upon the pedestrian and bicycle networks within the City of Kannapolis by creating a safe, convenient, and accessible circulation network. The Plan will improve the quality of life for residents, attract visitors, and contribute to the unique character of Kannapolis.

Overview

The City of Kannapolis will gain numerous benefits from increased pedestrian amenities and facilities. These benefits include physical, social, and economic benefits for the City, as well as for its residents. For example, benefits of pedestrian facilities and walkable communities include:

- Enhanced community environment, livability & quality of life
- Reductions in vehicular traffic
- Reductions in air and noise pollution
- Heightened community interaction
- Improved health of community residents
- Attractive amenities for visitors
- Effective transit systems
- Help create a consistent community identity.

Greenway Rules and Regulations

- ◆ Hours: Dawn to Dusk
- ◆ Dogs must be kept on leashes no longer than 6 feet.
- ◆ Pet owners must clean up after their pets
- ◆ No motorized vehicles allowed
- ◆ No weapons allowed
- ◆ No alcoholic beverages allowed
- ◆ No illegal drugs allowed
- ◆ No destructive behavior allowed

Please respect the parks and greenways so that you and others may enjoy them for years to come.



*Weaving
Communities
Together*

The Carolina Thread Trail is a regional trail network that will eventually reach 15 counties and over 2 million people. Simply put, it will link people and places. It will link cities, towns, and attractions. More than a hiking trail, more than a bike path, the Carolina Thread Trail will preserve our natural areas and will be a place for exploration of nature, culture, science and history, for family adventures and celebrations of friendship.

It will be for young and old, athlete and average. This is a landmark project. A legacy that will give so much, to so many, for so long.

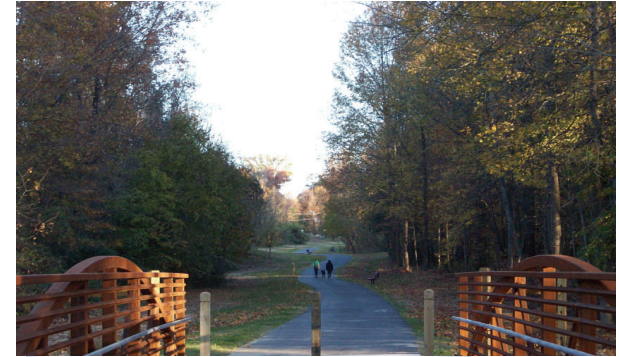
While not every local trail will be part of the Carolina Thread Trail system, it will link the regionally significant trails and many regional attractions. Think of it as a "green interstate system" of major trails and conservation lands created by connecting smaller trail systems throughout the region. The Thread will emerge over time as communities work together to plan and build trails reflecting community character, aspirations and priorities.



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8TH STREET GREENWAY

This 10-foot-wide paved trail and pedestrian walkway connects Loop Road to 8th Street and continues to West A Street. Once the Greenway crosses West A Street, it ties into the existing Bakers Creek Park Greenway. The greenway can be accessed off W. 8th Street near the Rowan County Recycling Center at 614 W. 8th Street.

BAKERS CREEK GREENWAY

The Bakers Creek Greenway runs through Bakers Creek Park and connects the 8th Street Greenway with Bakers Creek Park and then Village Park. The greenway can be accessed at Bakers Creek Park (1275 West A Street), Village Park (700 West C Street), and Cannon Memorial YMCA (101 YMCA Drive).

WALTER M. SAFRIT PARK TRAIL

This is a ½-mile paved walking trail that circles the park. The park is located at 1415 Bethpage Road.

IRISH BUFFALO CREEK GREENWAY

This newly master planned 6 mile section of greenway will head north from I-85 at North Cabarrus Park and connect to the existing Bakers Creek Park Greenway. Construction is scheduled to start in 2013 and will connect several desirable destinations in Kannapolis.

DISTANCES

- Village Park (A) to Bakers Creek Park (B) - 4,233 ft (0.8 miles)
- Village Park (A) to 8th Street (C) - 6,519 ft (1.2 miles)
- Village Park (A) to North Loop Rd. (D) - 7,605 ft (1.4 miles)
- Complete Loop - 10,518 ft (2 miles)

