



City of Conover

Planning Department

MEMORANDUM

June 11, 2015

TO: Planning Board Members
FROM: Lance Hight, Planning Director

RE: No Regular June Planning Board Meeting

The regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting for Tuesday, June 16th, 2014 will not be held.

We are happy to inform you that the City has been awarded the Carolina Thread Trail Grant for the Lyle Creek Greenway. Enclosed with this memo is a copy of the press release regarding this accomplishment. We expect construction of the trail to begin soon and anticipate the project's completion this fall.

For Immediate Release

Friday May 22, 2015



Carolina Thread Trail Awards Grant to Conover

Conover NC, The Carolina Thread Trail Governing board awarded and implementation grant to the City of Conover totaling \$86,400. Implementation grants provide funding to communities and non-profit organizations to assist with trail corridor planning, land acquisition, construction and trail amenities. Conover will match the grant with \$15,000 in cash generated from private developers from the “fee in lieu of sidewalk” program; whereby the city collects a fee for sidewalk construction from new development rather than have sidewalks constructed that lead to nowhere. These fees are then used to link existing sidewalks together to create a more walkable community.

Grant funding awarded to Conover will be used to construct a 1.5-mile enhanced surface trail along the planned route of the Thread Trail. Located within the highest populated quadrant of the city, this trail will connect local residents and two nearby schools with the North Carolina Data Campus along Lyle Creek. In 2011 the Thread Trail awarded \$37,000 to Conover to acquire land for the same trial corridor, and with land acquisition complete, the city will begin construction on the trail late summer.

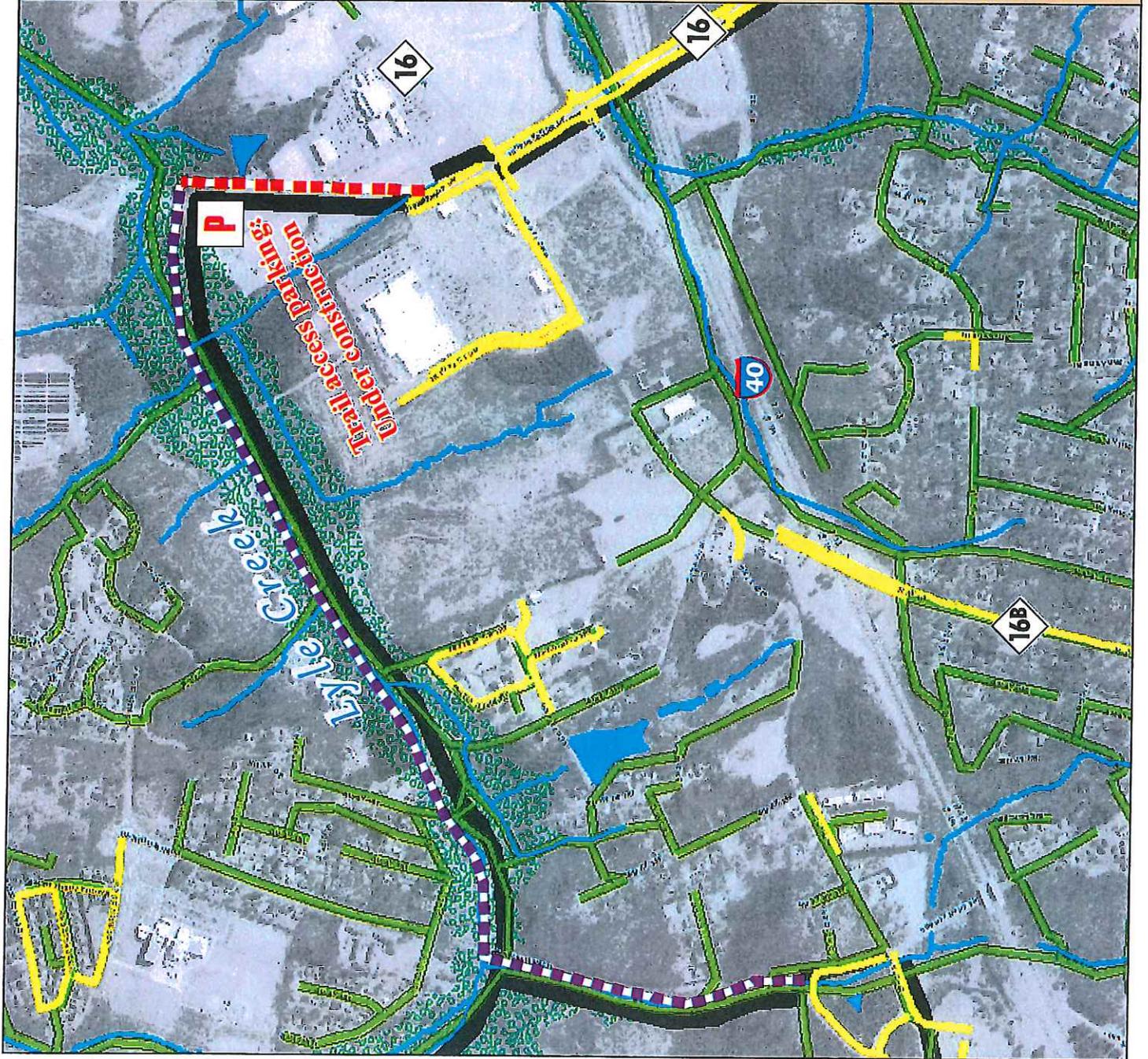
Construction consists of 8000 linear feet of 8ft wide trail with three foot bridges, trail marking, signage, and a crosswalk across County Home Rd. Grants from the Thread Trail help communities build trails that will add to the 220 miles of trails and sidewalk connectors that are currently open to the public throughout a 15-county region. Mayor Lee E. Moritz Jr. stated; “I am excited to see this project get underway. It will complete a 7 ½ mile loop from the Shuford YMCA, through Downtown, along historic Lyle Creek.”

Conover prides itself on being a forward thinking community and was recently recognized as being one of the top ten places to do business, top 50 safest communities, and one of the best places to raise a family, in North Carolina. For more information about the City of Conover contact the City Manager’s office at (828) 464-1191 or visit the city’s website at <http://www.conovernc.gov/>.

map attached:

CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL IMPLEMENTATION/CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATION MAP

CONOVER, NORTH CAROLINA



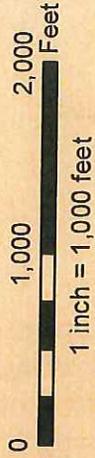
Legend

-  Existing sidewalk
-  Thread Trail Route
-  Floodzone
-  Sewer easement

New trails:

-  Easements acquired*
-  Segment under construction**

* The new proposed trail segment would NOT be ADA compliant.
 ** The new trail segment under construction is ADA compliant.



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