



## South Carolina Planning Education Advisory Committee (SCPEAC)

February 8, 2024

### NOTICE OF DECISION

**Title of Program:** The Carolina Thread Trail

**Organization:** Town of Fort Mill jointly with the City of Tega Cay

**The following action has been taken by the SCPEAC on this application:**

APPLICATION RECEIVED                      Date: January 26, 2024

APPLICATION REVIEWED                      Date: January 26, 2024


ACCEPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION              Date:

- a)       X   ACCREDITED for: 90 min. CE credits: 1.5
- b)     \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED ACCREDITATION
- c)     \_\_\_\_\_ RETURNED for more information

**If accredited:**

- a)     Authorized Course No.: 2024-01
- b)     Date of accreditation: January 26, 2024

Certification Signature, MASC Administrative Representative: 

Certification Signature, SCPEAC Representative: 

**For further information, contact Urica Floyd at 803-354-4754  
or the committee at [SCPEAC@masc.sc](mailto:SCPEAC@masc.sc).**

# Application for Accreditation of a Continuing Education Program or as a Sponsor Organization

NOTE: This certification form, together with the required information referenced therein, shall be submitted to the South Carolina Planning Education Advisory Committee. Applications are due no later than 30 days prior to the first scheduled presentation of a program or class. Once submitted, if no objections are raised by a member of the SCPEAC within 10 business days of receipt, the program shall be considered accepted. If an objection is raised, a teleconference meeting shall be scheduled with appropriate public notice, as soon as reasonably possible, to review the application. The Committee will consider extenuating circumstances where the 30-day deadline cannot be met.

## Reason for Application

Choose one.

- Request as a Local Official for Continuing Education Program Approval
- Request as an Organization for Accreditation of a Continuing Education Training
- Request as an Organization to be an Approved Sponsor of Continuing Education Programs

## Applicant Information

### Name

Title                      Penelope    Karagounis    Suffix

### Municipality/County/Organization

Town of Fort Mill

### Position

Planning Director

### Phone

(803) 835-1160

### Email

pkaragounis@fortmillsc.gov

If you are a COG Director, indicate which jurisdiction the certification is being requested for:

## Information for Municipality/County/Organization Providing Training

**Organization Name**

Town of Fort Mill jointly with the City of Tega Cay

**Organization Address**

200 Tom Hall Street

Address Line 2

Fort Mill

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29715

**Organization Phone**

(803) 547-2116

**Organization Website**

www.fortmillsc.gov

**Name of Training Contact**

Penelope Karagounis

**Title of Contact**

Planning Director

**Contact Phone**

(803) 835-1160

**Contact Email**

pkaragounis@fortmillsc.gov

**Training Program Information****Title of Training Program**

Carolina Thread Trail- Fostering a Legacy of Conservation, Connectivity and Community Partnerships

**Date of Training**

2/15/2024

**Location of Training**

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Virtual hosted by Town of Fort Mill

**Brief description of the program and its relevant content:**

Carolina Thread Trail organization. relationships with other land conservancies, government partnerships, funding and implementation of a regional vision.

**Method of presentation (in-person; virtual; or other):**

Virtual

**When will materials be distributed (before or at the time of the program):**

At time of the presentation

**Description of materials to be distributed:**

PowerPoint. The presentation will be recorded and made available to all participants and other officials.

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**Method of Advertisement (Describe how you plan to notify local officials of the program):**

Direct email to planning commissions, zoning boards, and staff of both jurisdictions,

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**Required attachments**

**Brochure, if available:**

or drag files here.

**Course Presenter(s) and credentials (include brief resumes and qualifications, combine into one .pdf document):**

or drag files here.

**Copies of all handouts and course materials (combine into one .pdf document):**

or drag files here.

**Evaluation Form and method of evaluation (each program must be evaluated, combine into one .pdf document):**

or drag files here.

**Certification. By submitting this application, the applicant agrees to:**

1. Allow in-person observation, without charge, of the Program by the SCPEAC Committee members. Any food, travel, or lodging costs will be the responsibility of the Committee member(s).
2. The applicant acknowledges that its approval for this Program may be withdrawn for violations of the regulations or failure to comply with the agreements and representations contained herein and as may be required by the SCPEAC.



# CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

## PLANNING TRAINING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS



### TRAINING PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Sponsor:** Town of Fort Mill Jointly with the City of Tega Cay

**Activity Title:** *Carolina Thread Trail- Fostering a Legacy of Conservation, Connectivity and Community Partnerships*

**Date of Attendance:** Feb. 15, 2024

**Location:** Virtual-Online at TEAMS Meeting

**Orientation Program or Course Number:** **2024-01**

**Total Credit Hours:** 1.5 CE credit hours (based on a 60-minute hour)

### TO BE COMPLETED BY ATTENDING OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE

By signing below, I certify that I attended the activity describe above and am entitled to claim:

Orientation Program Hours

1.5 Continuing Education (CE) Credit Hours

I am also certifying that I attended the session with faculty and/or a professional planner as a discussant in person.

<p>_____ Name of Appointed Official or Employee (Please Print)</p> <p>_____ Signature</p> <p>_____ Date</p>	<p>Jurisdiction: <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Fort Mill <input type="checkbox"/> City of Tega Cay</p> <p>Position: <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Zoning Appeals <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Review Board <input type="checkbox"/> Employee/Other: _____</p>
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### TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING OFFICER & MUNICIPAL PLANNING OFFICIAL

I certify that the above-named individual attended the activity described herein and is entitled to claim 1.5 Continuing Education Credit Hours toward his/her statutory training requirement for Calendar Year 2020.

<p>Certifying Officer: _____ Nick Cauthen, Tega Cay Planning Manager</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
<p>Municipal Official: _____ Penelope Karagounis, Fort Mill Planning Director</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>



# SESSION EVALUATION FORM

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**Location:** Virtual-Online at TEAMS Meeting

**Orientation Program 2024-1 or Course Number:**

**Total Credit Hours:** 1.5 CE credit hours (based on a 60-minute hour)

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	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Quality of content presented					
Quality of visual aids/handouts					
Usefulness/relevance of the topic					
Presenter’s knowledge of the topic					
Participant involvement/engagement					
Quality of the training location					
What did you find most useful about today’s presentation?					
Do you have any additional comments regarding today’s training program?					
Do you have any additional comments regarding the training facility?					
Would you like to suggest a future training topic or presenter?					

Position:     Planning Commission Member  
                   Board of Zoning Appeals Member  
                   Historic Review Board Member  
                   Employee/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction:     Town of Fort Mill  
                           City of Tega Cay

Bret Baronak, Project Director  
Carolina Thread Trail

Bret has been with the Carolina Thread Trail since 2016 and started as the Community Coordinator. In 2018 he moved into the role of Project Director. Bret's background has been largely focused in public sector land use and transportation planning. Throughout his career, he has specialized in bicycle and pedestrian planning. From 2006 to 2014, Bret served as the Bicycle, Greenways, and Pedestrian Coordinator in Palm Beach County, Florida, where he was responsible for planning, funding and elevating awareness for non-motorized transportation. While in Florida, he was active with the East Coast Greenway and served on the ECGA Trail Council. In late 2014, he moved to the Charlotte region and held the position of Senior Transportation Planner with the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln MPO. Bret is a native of western Pennsylvania and a graduate of Penn State University. He is an avid road and mountain cyclist and also enjoys hiking, travel, and spending time with family in his PA hometown when he has the opportunity.

Bret Baronak, Project Director for The Carolina Thread Trail. The Carolina Thread Trail is a regional network of trails that connect 2.9 million people in 15 counties in North and South Carolina. The Thread Trail is an example of unprecedented regional collaboration that works to connect people and communities to nature and each other through its 1,610 miles of trails, greenways and blueways. Bret will discuss the genesis of The Carolina Thread Trail organization, relationships with other land conservancies, government partnerships, funding and implementation of a regional vision.