

WOODLANDS CONSERVANCY

*Creating a legacy for future generations
by preserving and protecting Louisiana's greatest treasures—
our unique natural resources and way of life.*

Woodlands Conservancy is a culmination of work over a ten-year period where the distinct history and attributes of the 10,000-acre peninsula formed by Orleans and Plaquemines Parish were identified and then congealed into a proposal for educational and recreational greenways and trails. Our donors, members, volunteers, and local, regional and national partners have been instrumental to advancing and supporting the Conservancy's vision to be the regional model for conservation of hardwood forests, and a leader in the advocacy and preservation of Louisiana's coastal forest ecosystems.

Woodlands Trail is located within one of Southeastern Louisiana's last remaining coastal forests. Three bridges and culverts have been installed to connect over 13 miles of greenways and trails that lead to a grouping of ten World War II Ammunition Magazines. Three Interpretive Kiosks have been constructed and directional signage installed along the trails. Woodlands Trail is a unique public-private partnership that is partially funded by the Louisiana Recreational Trails program by the Lt. Governor's Department of Cultural Recreation Tourism with funds from the Federal Highway's Administration.

*As our community grows,
it is imperative that we preserve our contiguous forested wetlands
to ensure habitat for wildlife and migratory birds;
to protect our communities by serving as a natural sponge
and wind buffer during storms; and to provide our community with a
unique wilderness recreational opportunity.*

Woodlands Conservancy is dedicated to the long-term development and sustainability of the Woodlands Trail and greenway corridor for future generations to enjoy and for our region and community to benefit from for years to come. The forested greenway that surrounds the trail is a natural protection system that will shelter our communities from hurricanes and other disasters. The trail provides our community with free and safe recreational opportunities right in their own backyard including hiking and horseback riding. The trail and its surrounding forest is a living classroom, educating our citizenry and children about our natural resources and wildlife. The trail attracts thousands of annual visitors from across the country and beyond, generating community awareness and economic return for the Belle Chasse/Algiers region.

*To advance its mission and continue to work toward this vision, it is imperative that
Woodlands Conservancy prepares for its own growth and long-term sustainability*

To ensure long-term sustainability, Woodlands Conservancy with leadership from key donors and the Board of Directors has committed to establishing an endowment. An investment in the Woodlands Conservancy Endowment will ensure that the organization is sustainable and has the resources needed to advance its critical mission and vision. Through the endowment, your gift is an investment in both the long-term development and sustainability of Woodlands Conservancy, our region's natural resources and way of life.