



*Pictured above under the live oaks on the OLHCC property are left to right, Betsy Brien, Public Affairs Specialist, ConocoPhillips, Mignon Faget presenting the Palmetto Design, Katie Brasted, Woodlands Trail and Park and Carol Cowley, Woodlands Trail and Park.*

## **Mignon Faget "Creates a Legacy" for Woodlands**

Mignon Faget and Woodlands Trail and Park agreed that World Wetlands Day, February 2, with a theme of "Wetlands and Water - Supporting Life, Sustaining Livelihoods," was the perfect occasion on which to announce their partnership in "Creating a Legacy" for future generations. Our Lady of Holy Cross College was the host site for the press conference and celebration of World Wetlands Day.

Mignon Faget is a highly-acclaimed New Orleans legend, well-known for her jewelry collections inspired by the beauty and culture of New Orleans, Louisiana and the Gulf Coast. The Mignon Faget design created for Woodlands Trail and Park was that of a palmetto. Faget noted that it is the palmetto or sabal minor that was chosen for the design as it is one of the most commonly seen plants in bottom-land hardwood forests.

"We now have the nation's attention. It's time to show them that we are not only working to correct past mistakes, but we are implementing smart growth land use decisions as we rebuild our community" said Katie Brasted, president of Woodlands Trail and Park. Proceeds from the sale of the jewelry will assist Woodlands Trail and Park in their mission to establish Woodlands Trail-America's Wetland Birding Trail.

The jewelry was underwritten by ConocoPhillips, a long-time corporate sponsor of Woodlands Trail and Park and of efforts in uniting the river communities of Orleans and Plaquemines Parish with a series of educational, historical and recreational greenways. The palmetto will initially be produced as a lapel pin and pendant. Pre-sale will be available at [www.woodlandstrail.com](http://www.woodlandstrail.com). It is hoped that the jewelry will be ready for release at the beginning of May in celebration of America's Wetland Month.