

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

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Katie Brasted, MA
Woodlands Conservancy
1112 Engineers Road
Belle Chasse, Louisiana 70037

Dear Ms. Brasted:

It gives me pleasure to submit to you this letter of support for your application for funding resulting from the Natural Resources Damage Assessment process for Regional Restoration projects in Region 2. I wholeheartedly appreciate and support your efforts to bring the necessary attention and resources as you work to protect and restore the Woodland Trails and Park located in Orleans and Plaquemines Parishes. Your vision and overall efforts fits well within the focus and purview of my office as we work to protect and restore the coastal zone areas of Orleans Parish.

Given the tragic event and foreseeable disastrous outcomes of the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, it is ever important for all of us in Southern Louisiana to unite for the sake of supporting each other's efforts to regenerate the thousands of miles of wetlands along and within our state. I believe we are at a moment in time when we will begin to see years of feasibility studies and project planning give forth huge successes in being able to implement the host of wetland restoration projects we have been talking about for the last 25 plus years.

I am sure you will agree with me when I say that the regional support we have seen in recent times has been most reassuring and must be continued to make serious political inroads at every juncture to garner the billions of dollars necessary to tackle this huge endeavor before us. It is in that same spirit of support that I offer to you this letter of support. Finally, since taking my job as director of this office in July 2010, I have thoroughly come to appreciate getting to know you and your efforts in the Woodlands Conservancy. I also greatly appreciate serving as an advisor to you in your efforts and I greatly look forward to continuing our joint efforts to bring attention and resources to the issue of wetland restoration in our state.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Allen, III
Advisor to the Mayor and Director

