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# WOODLANDS TRAIL AND PARK

a nonprofit, 501-C-3 corporation

"Creating a Legacy" for future generations

*Woodlands Trail and Park, Inc. was formed as a nonprofit, 501-C-3 corporation with the mission to "establish and embellish an educational, historical and recreational greenway within the Lower Coast Algiers and Belle Chasse areas."*

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## A Bird's Eye View - National Trails Day

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### Interpretive Hikes Scheduled



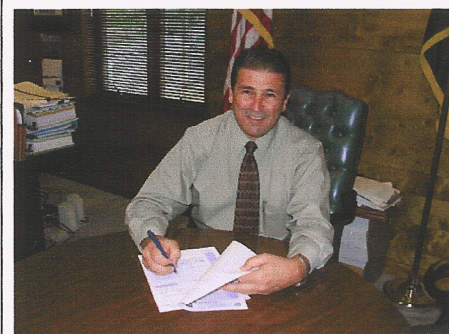
Join us National Trails Day, June 04, 2005, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in Belle Chasse for a bird's eye view of Woodlands Trail-America's Wetland Birding Trail. Interpretive hikes will be

provided by Richard DeMay, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program and David Muth, Orleans Audubon Society.

Interested individuals will gather at the entrance area to Woodlands Trail and Park along F. Edward Hebert Blvd. in Belle Chasse, Louisiana. Follow the balloons to the entrance area. Following hiking activities between 9 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., a presentation of progress and future direction will be provided along with refreshments.

### Woodlands Trail -- Legacy Unfolds

In January, 2004, the Regional Planning Commission undertook an Environmental Assessment for Woodlands Trail and Park. Providence Engineering Environmental Group, LLC was hired to fulfill requirements for the necessary permitting. Clearance has been received from Wildlife & Fisheries



*Benny Rousselle, Plaquemines Parish President, authorizes final work*



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and the State Historical Preservation Officer. With an estimated work completion of 82%, the permitting to allow the Woodlands Trail "Legacy" to begin is projected to be obtained by July 30, 2005.

### National Safety Council Supports Woodlands Project

In August, 2004, Katie Brasted, President of Woodlands Trail and Park and Allen Lehmann, Fund Raising Committee, presented the Woodlands Trail and Park project at the meeting of the National Safety Council, South Louisiana Chapter. At the November, 2004 meeting of the NSC, a resolution was passed by the Board of Directors to "support the efforts of Woodlands Trail and Park to improve the environment, safety and health of the local community".

On April 06, 2005, Katie Brasted, Founder and President of Woodlands Trail and Park was presented with the first William Keller Bicycle and

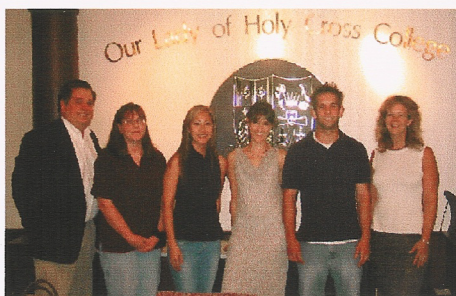


Elvin Thibodeaux, NSC Chairman, Katie Brasted, Woodlands Trail and Park, Inc.

Pedestrian Safety Award at the 55th Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet.

### Our Lady of Holy Cross College Partnership Solidifies

In late September, Woodlands Trail and Park met with Our Lady of Holy Cross College to discuss the myriad of mutual benefits in joining hands to move the community project of Woodlands Trail and Park closer to fruition. Targeting the collection of oral histories of veterans and civilians previously stationed on the Naval Ammunition Depot property as the first priority, plans were made to initiate the Woodlands Oral History Project. A tour in late September with OLHCC



*Dr. Craig Bauer, Jessica Hahn-Bries, Student volunteer, Victoria Bui, Student volunteer, Jennifer Abraham, Eric Tferffle, Student Intern, Katie Brasted.*

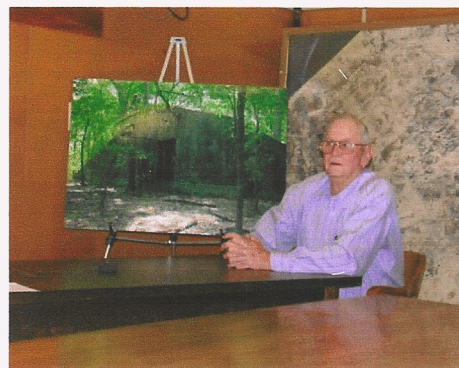
professors and students provided a first-hand look at the project area to serve as a point of reference for historical interviews.

On October 22, 2004, a Workshop, funded by the Library of Congress - Veterans History Project, was co-sponsored by Louisiana State University, T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History, Our Lady of Holy Cross College and Woodlands Trail and Park, Inc. Participants learned techniques for interviewing and recording oral histories as well as the

specific requirements for depositing oral histories with the Library of Congress.

### Oral History Recorded

On March 03, 2005, Al Crawford became the first WWII Veteran to have his history recorded by OLHCC intern, Erik Tferffle. Mr. Crawford told Erik and observing OLHCC students of his assignment at the Naval Ammunition Depot property as well as his active combat overseas during WWII.



*Al Crawford, WWII Veteran*

Students were moved by a first hand account of nonstop combat for more than 70 hours at a time.

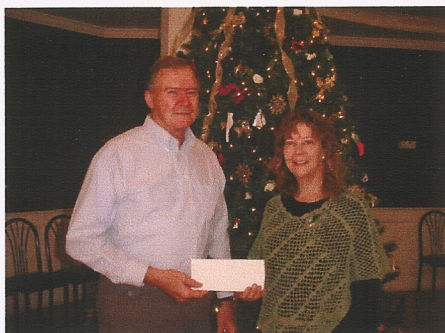
### Freeport-McMoRan Makes Contribution

On December 04, 2004, Woodlands Trail and Park received an early "holiday present" from Dave Singleton of Freeport-McMoRan. During a Kiwanis Club Algiers - Morning Edition meeting, Mr. Singleton presented Katie Brasted with a contribution toward Woodlands Trail and Park's work done "in and for the community" from the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation. The contribution will greatly contribute to



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the development of recreational, historical and educational greenways in the Metropolitan New Orleans area.



*Dave Singleton, Katie Brasted*

### **A Saturday Salon on the River**

On Saturday, October 16, 2004, Katherine Celine Osborne, renown Soprano in the DC area, returned to her hometown of New Orleans with her husband, James Jenkins, pianist, to provide time and talent to the first fund-raising event for



*James Jenkins, pianist, Katherine Celine Osborne, Vocalist*

Woodlands Trail and Park, Inc. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Carol Osborne Cowley, the creator and inspiration for this event, numerous volunteers and corporate

assistance, an age-old tradition of Musical Salons was successfully reborn in the New Orleans home of Mr. and Mrs. Laurent L. De La Gueronniere.

### **Become a part the "Legacy Fence"**



Thanks to the assistance of Lower Algiers Artist, Glen Weber, an entrance area to Woodlands Trail and Park was designed to incorporate "Legacy Leaves". The leaves are part of a fund raising effort to provide naming opportunities along the Legacy Fence. Large and Small Legacy Leaves are available in Copper and Aluminum. Recognize someone special or leave your name as a lasting impression of your environmental stewardship by contributing to the efforts in "Creating a Legacy" for future generations.

"Legacy Leaves" are available at::

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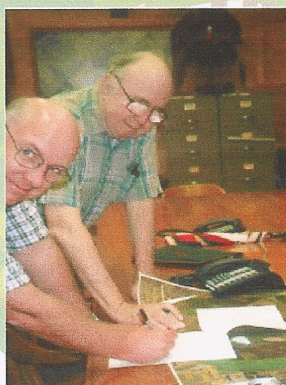
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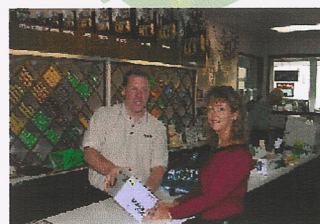
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