



Letter of Support from Sierra Club New Orleans Group
RE: Woodlands Conservancy's NRDA application

Dear sirs:

The Sierra Club was founded in 1892 to explore, enjoy and protect the planet. The New Orleans Group of the Delta Chapter (Louisiana) of the Sierra Club is dedicated to protecting the New Orleans environment for our families and for our future.

The purpose of this letter is to express the support of the New Orleans Group of the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club for the NRDA projects submitted by Woodlands Conservancy to acquire and enhance forested wetlands to provide habitat for wildlife and migratory birds and provide public access for current and future generations.

The Woodlands Conservancy projects submitted for NRDA funding are located in the peninsula formed by Orleans and Plaquemines Parish and along the Mississippi Flyway which is considered one of the most important migratory bird corridors on Earth. Data shows the Woodlands Conservancy's sites host thousands of migratory birds during their twice-yearly migrations and a major portion of all birds that breed in North America.

The BP Macondo well oil spill has adversely impacted large areas of some of the Gulf Coast's critical bird habitat for both resident and migratory birds. Woodlands Trail and Park Bird Sanctuary in Plaquemines Parish and land targeted for expansion of the Woodlands Greenway Corridor in Orleans Parish provide habitat for hundreds of species of resident and migratory birds, many of which are listed in the bird impact data released by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Thus, the New Orleans Group of the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club gives their full support to Woodlands Conservancy's projects submitted for NRDA funds to acquire and enhance this forested wetland habitat for migratory birds and ensure that this unique habitat area is available for public enjoyment in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

Colleen Morgan
Chair
Sierra Club New Orleans Group