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Katie Brasted
Woodlands Trail and Park
1112 Engineers Road
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Dear Mrs. Brasted,

The purposes of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Natural Heritage Program are to collect, organize and distribute detailed site-specific biodiversity data, and to interact with landowners to promote conservation. The Woodlands Trail and Park has been a registered natural area with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Natural Heritage Program since 2006. This bottomland hardwoods forest is important wildlife habitat and serves as vital resting habitat for neotropical migratory birds.

This tract is the largest remaining forest between New Orleans and open water, making it critical for many wildlife species in the area. This site is especially important now that many of the coastal forests and islands have been adversely impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

On behalf of the Natural Heritage Program, I would like to give our support to Woodlands Trail and Parks in their efforts to restore one of the last remaining bottomland hardwood forests in the New Orleans area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amity Bass", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Amity Bass
Biologist Manager
Louisiana Natural Heritage Program
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries