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# Woodlands Conservancy, Conservation Fund to announce plan for Lower Coast Algiers

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Just days after the [Audubon Institute and San Diego Zoo Global announced a major project](#) in lower coast [Algiers](#) aimed at sustaining endangered species, another local conservation group will reveal a partnership to protect that area's forested wetlands. The [Woodlands Conservancy](#) and the [Conservation Fund](#) are scheduled to make the announcement this afternoon at 1 p.m. at Delacroix Road in the English Turn-Lower Coast Algiers area.

The nonprofit Woodlands Conservancy and the Conservation Fund will discuss "acquisition and permanent protection of forested wetlands," according to a news release. The [Woodlands](#) manages 600 acres of forested wetlands that straddle a 10,000-acre peninsula formed by Orleans and Plaquemines parishes. It is one of southeast Louisiana's last stands of bottomland hardwoods and is home to cypress and tupelo trees as well a number of native animals and migratory birds. Last year, the group created an endowment to support their efforts after a challenge from the Richard West Freeman Foundation.

On Tuesday, the Audubon Institute and San Diego Zoo Global said they would join together and build a 1,000-acre refuge at the Audubon Center for the Research of Endangered Species. Called the Alliance for Sustainable Wildlife, the breeding facility could help rebuild threatened animals for future

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During today's Woodlands announcement, the speakers will include Heidi Poche, president of the Woodlands Conservancy board, Woodlands Executive Director Katie Brasted, Ray Herndon of the Conservation Fund and New Orleans City Councilwoman Kristin Palmer.

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