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Greetings Natural Area Members!

In this issue we report one new addition to the Natural Areas Registry and feature several articles that we hope the reader will find informative. Two of these articles were submitted by owners of registered Natural Areas. This is a start toward increasing interaction among Natural Areas members, and we may soon dive into social media to further that goal. We again invite Registry members to contribute to this publication by submitting articles, news or images. The Natural Areas Registry was dormant for a while, but it is regaining momentum, and 2015 will be a vigorous and successful year!

New Addition to the Registry Delacroix Preserve - Orleans Parish

Delacroix Preserve Natural Area contains a 190-acre bottomland hardwood forest. This forest serves as an important refuge for migratory birds and other local wildlife species. It also serves as vital storm surge and wind protection for the surrounding community. This is Woodlands Conservancy's second natural area. They have been a member of the Natural Areas Registry Program since 2005, when they registered their 520-acre bottomland forest known as Woodlands Trail and Park Bird Sanctuary.



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