## COMMUNITY NEWS

## **WOODLANDS TRAIL**



On May 25, the Louisiana Wildlife Federation and the New Orleans City Council issued proclamations to Katie Brasted, president and founder of Woodlands Trail and Park in support of the implementation of conservation efforts that will protect and improve the environment. Woodlands Trail and Park is a nonprofit 501-C-3 organization that is uniting the river communities of Orleans and Plaquemines parishes with a series of educational, recreational and historical greenways in one of the region's last stands of bottomland hardwoods. In recognition of May being America's Wetlands Month, Councilman-at-large Oliver Thomas, who chairs the Riverfront Development Committee, initiated a supporting proclamation by the City Council. At the presentation are, from left: Councilman-at-large Oliver Thomas; Councilwoman Jackie Clarkson; Councilman Jay Batt; Councilman-at-large Eddie Sapir; Katie Brasted, Woodlands Trail and Park; Plaquemines Parish President Benny Rousselle; and Edgar Veillon, Louisiana Wildlife Federation and representative to the National Wildlife Federation.

On June 2, Percy Shaw, Wal-Mart Store manager, left, presented a community grant to Woodlands Trail and Park to assist in the efforts in establishing regional trails and greenways in the lower coast Algiers and Belle Chasse communities. Katie Brasted, president of Woodlands Trail and Park, right, accepted the contribution and expressed appreciation to the employees of Wal-Mart Store No. 1163 for their support and participation in events at the Woodlands Trail and Park site. The Wal-Mart Foundation also recently provided funding for refreshments during Woodlands Trail and Park's celebration of America's Wetlands Month in May to release the Mignon Faget Palmetto, designed to bring attention to America's wetlands and benefit the nonprofit organization, Woodlands Trail and Park.

