

Friends of City Park: The Journey to \$50,000

August 2005

Hurricane Katrina destroys 95% of trees in the Couturie Forest, a beloved area within New Orleans' City Park. The unprecedented damage disrupts the habitats of alligators, box turtles and over 100 species of migratory and resident birds.



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Friends of City Park is named the winner of Redwood Creek's second annual Greater Outdoors Project. The organization, dedicated to the preservation and improvement of 150-year-old New Orleans City Park, plans to use the grant to revitalize the park's Couturie Forest, preserving 62 acres of land and eight native ecosystems.

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Friends of City Park continues with its plans to utilize the funds from Redwood Creek to plant over 1,000 trees in Couturie Forest this fall/winter. In the meantime, the group continues with the eradication of invasive species; primarily Chinese Tallow and Giant Ragweed. Volunteers continue to lay mulch on the trails so all can enjoy the forest.



In July, 1,500 youth volunteers descended on City Park to lend a helping hand. Hundreds of them worked in Couturie Forest painting decks and fences, clearing new paths and laying over a mile of new mulched path. In addition, they rid the forest of thousands of invasive Giant Ragweed plants, another step forward in the revitalization of the forest.

