

Hello Friends,

I hope you're enjoying the beautiful spring and finding plenty of reasons to get outdoors!

I wanted to take a few minutes to introduce myself to you. I'm the new (and first) Executive Director for the Land Trust for Louisiana and I couldn't be more excited to lead this wonderful organization. I'm coming to you with 25 years of experience, having spent most of my career with national conservation organizations (The Nature Conservancy and Trust for Public Land) in Louisiana, conserving and restoring our special lands and waters.

I'm a Louisiana native and have spent countless days fishing our marshes, canoeing our bayous, and hiking our bottomlands and piney woods. I've found solace in our sacred places – Tunica Hills, Cypress Island, the Atchafalaya Basin, Chandeleur Islands – to name but a few. In Louisiana's wild places, I've come to value how important the natural world is to our culture and way of life - not to mention our physical and spiritual well-being.

In our changing and uncertain world, conserved lands are a constant. The Land Trust for Louisiana has helped protect over 4,000 acres and is the only accredited local land trust working across the state to help landowners with their conservation needs. And yet we still have so much to do.

We are currently identifying new roles for LTL that expand our reach, increase our impact, and help leverage the work of our partners – efforts that keep farmers on the land, facilitate coastal restoration, and mitigate flood damages on coastal rivers, for example. Our partners are excited to work with us and value the important niche we fill as a nimble, locally-based conservation organization.

The future is bright for the Land Trust for Louisiana...please stay tuned as we enter a new phase of expanded conservation. And, if you'd like to contribute your time, resources, or ideas to help us during this period of growth, please reach out...I'm eager to get to know you!

Yours in conservation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Brown". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Cindy Brown
Executive Director