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Briarwood: Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve Receives Grant from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund

Funding to support the Bay Garden Restoration Project

SALINE, Louisiana, 4/12/2025 – Briarwood: Caroline Nature Preserve has received a \$10,000 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund to support its Bay Garden Restoration Project.

Bayli Brossette, Curator, said the funds would be used to restore the bay garden, which is the oldest continuous collection of Louisiana Iris hybrids in the world. The funds will be utilized to purchase necessary materials to restore the pathways, amend the iris beds, and bring the garden back to its former glory after being damaged by the EF-1 Tornado that hit Briarwood in 2019.

“The Bay Garden at Briarwood is truly a magical place, and the Weyerhaeuser giving fund will kick off a much-needed restoration project to ensure these irises survive for future generations to experience and appreciate”, Curator Bayli Brossette states.

In both rural and urban settings, the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund supports hundreds of important organizations and programs in the communities where they operate with funding, time, expertise and resources. Weyerhaeuser made its first charitable donation in 1903 and has provided more than \$270 million in grants through its formal giving program, which was established in 1948.

More information on the Weyerhaeuser grant application process is available online at www.WY.com

About Briarwood: Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve

Briarwood Nature Preserve is a nonprofit sanctuary dedicated to the conservation of Louisiana’s unique and historic natural heritage. Nestled on 212 acres of serene woodlands, this remarkable site was once the home of Caroline Dormon, a pioneering conservationist and the first woman to advocate for the creation of a national forest in the United States. Briarwood is more than just a nature preserve—it is a living testament to Dormon’s vision of preserving the native flora and fauna of the Southeastern United States. For more information, visit www.briarwoodnp.org.

About Weyerhaeuser

Weyerhaeuser Company, one of the world's largest private owners of timberlands, began operations in 1900 and today owns or controls approximately 10.4 million acres of timberlands in the U.S., as well as additional public timberlands managed under long-term licenses in Canada. Weyerhaeuser has been a global leader in sustainability for more than a century and manages 100 percent of its timberlands on a fully sustainable basis in compliance with

internationally recognized sustainable forestry standards. Weyerhaeuser is also one of the largest manufacturers of wood products in North America and operates additional business lines around product distribution, climate solutions, real estate, energy and natural resources, among others. In 2024, the company generated \$7.1 billion in net sales and employed approximately 9,400 people who serve customers worldwide. Operated as a real estate investment trust, Weyerhaeuser's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol WY. Learn more at www.weyerhaeuser.com.