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Terrebonne to Participate in Christmas Tree Program to Prevent Coastal Erosion

Houma, LA – Parish President Micheal Claudet is pleased to announce that Terrebonne Parish will once again be participating in a Christmas Tree Recycling Program to help with public awareness of coastal erosion.

To participate in this program, residents of Terrebonne Parish are requested to place their Christmas trees in the area of their normal garage pickup from January 4, 2016 to January 8, 2016. Residents may also drop off their Christmas trees at any prior to January 8, 2016 at any of the TPCG Residential Drop-of Sites located at 263 Ashland Landfill Road, 651 Isle of Cuba Road in Schriever or 160 Crochetville Road in Montegut.

The Christmas trees collected from local residents are placed into retention fences, also called cribs that have been constructed along the Intracoastal Waterway near the Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge. These trees provide an effective wave-break which can reduce the erosion of our fragile marshes. Furthermore, when set in place, the project is designed to allow the trees to work with natural wave action and act as a filter, collecting sediments behind the cribs in an effort to build new land.

Only green trees will be accepted. Flocked trees and trees with tinsel, decorations, or tree stands cannot be used.

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