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FREE BALD CYPRESS SAPLINGS

Houma, LA, (March 24, 2015) – The Terrebonne Parish Tree Board offers FREE bald cypress tree saplings in limited quantity.

When: The event will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m.
Where: The Downtown Farmer's Market in the Courthouse Square on Main Street

Bald cypress saplings are FREE and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Designated the official state tree of Louisiana in 1963, and famous for their cypress knees that are woody projections which emerge from the roots and grow above the ground or water surfaces, this tree primarily thrives in damp saturated soils of the Gulf Coastal Plains of the United States. Considered a large tree, it can reach up to 130 ft. tall. Gray to red-brown colored bark, the tree loses it leaves during the winter, thus the term "bald".

"We are thrilled to be able to offer additional trees to the public. Adding bald cypress to the green canopy of our parish will create a greater impact on the flow and management of storm water" stated Laura Browning, Terrebonne Tree Board Chair.

About the Terrebonne Parish Tree Board – *"Planting Trees for Tomorrow, Preserving Trees for Today"*
The Terrebonne Parish Tree Board was formed by ordinance of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government in January 2005. At the same time, the TPCG put into place the current tree ordinance to preserve and protect existing healthy trees on public lands. This ordinance was amended in January 2007, and furthered the promotion of trees as enhancing air quality by reducing air pollution, noise and water pollution. It also serves to emphasize, for the benefit of the community, an understanding of the value of trees as an important economic and environment asset, as well as a positive image of a caring community.

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