



PARISH OF TERREBONNE

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Terrebonne to Participate in Christmas Tree Program to Prevent Coastal Erosion

Parish President Michel Claudet is pleased to announce that Terrebonne Parish will be once again be participating in a "Christmas Tree Recycling Program" to help with the prevention 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 garbage pickup from January 2, 2014 to January 7, 2014. Residents may also drop off their Christmas trees at any time prior to January 7 at any of the TPCG Residential Drop-off Sites located at 263 Ashland Landfill Road, 651 Isle 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 sediment 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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