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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Parish Seeking Volunteers to Assist with Christmas Tree Crib**

Lafourche Parish Government is looking for volunteers to assist with the transportation and placement of Christmas trees into the Christmas Tree Crib in Golden Meadow on Saturday, February 20.

Beginning in January, Lafourche Parish Government began collecting Christmas trees from residents to be used for this program. In conjunction with Les Reflections du Bayou, the Parish now plans to place those Christmas trees in a “crib” that has been constructed along the west side of the South Lafourche Hurricane Protection Levee.

Volunteers are needed to transport the collected trees from their staging area to the crib location along the South Lafourche Hurricane Protection Levee and also to place the trees into the crib. The Parish is asking volunteers willing to offer their time for this effort, to meet at the staging area at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 20. The staging area will be located at the Golden Meadow Boat Launch parking lot in Oakridge Park. Les Reflections du Bayou will provide lunch for all volunteers.

Nic Matherne, Director of Coastal Energy and Environment for the Parish, said, “Lafourche residents are all too aware of the devastating effects coastal erosion is having on our community. This is an opportunity for residents to take a ‘hands-on’ approach to helping combat the problem.”

Lafourche Parish Government is also seeking volunteers willing to offer the services of their 4-wheel drive trucks or ATVs with utility trailers. Additionally, the Parish is seeking volunteers willing to offer use of hip boots or other waders. Anyone willing to donate the use of any of this type of equipment is asked to contact Deanna McKneely, Executive Director of Les Reflections du Bayou, at (985) 632-6040.

The project is funded by a grant from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and seeks to break wave energy and collect sediment to rebuild land in vulnerable marsh habitat while giving the residents of the area a chance to take part in restoring their own coast.

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