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BTNEP Planting at Downtown Greenspace *Program to donate time for landscaping*

Construction of the new downtown Thibodaux "greenspace" is nearing completion. The next step to complete the project is landscaping the site located at the corner of Third and Green streets, in front of the old Lafourche Parish Jail.

Members of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP), along with project architect Malcolm Hodnett, worked on a landscape that incorporates Louisiana plants native to the Lafourche Area. BTNEP representatives and volunteers will begin landscaping the area on Saturday, September 16. All of the plants to be used in the landscaping have been donated by BTNEP. These plants were purchased from the Laughing Buddha Nursery in Metairie using funds from an Environmental Protection Agency Gulf of Mexico Program grant.

In recent weeks, the Lafourche Parish Government Department of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities has installed benches and is finishing the park's pavilion. Landscaping is the final phase of this project. Construction began with a groundbreaking ceremony on January 13, 2006 and is scheduled to be complete within a month. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be announced prior to the official opening of the park.

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