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# Volunteers needed to plant trees in Mandeville

Volunteers are needed to help the City of Mandeville in their effort to plant 800 trees in Mandeville Tchefuncte Marsh.

Help is needed from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 26. Volunteers are asked to report to Neighborhoods located at the end of Garden Ave. in Beau Rivage subdivision off West Causeway Approach.

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana has donated 800 trees, each measuring 3 to 5 feet tall, to be planted in the city-owned Mandeville Tchefuncte Marsh. The more than

1,400 acre wetland is located north of Lake Pontchartrain and runs east to west from Lewisburg to the Tchefuncte River.

As the only land between Lake Pontchartrain and Mandeville, the area serves as a vital floodplain from storm surge.

In addition, the area provides habitat to native wildlife and is accessible along a half-mile long boardwalk and pipeline used for Mandeville Public Works' award winning, state-of-the-art green treatment program.

"In the 1920s, over 1200

acres of virgin cypress trees were harvested in this marsh. Ten years ago, Mandeville pledged to restore this property and keep it in its natural state.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the City to stop coastal erosion and protect this valuable ecosystem," explains David deGeneres, Mandeville director of public works.

People of all ages are encouraged to volunteer. Volunteers must be able to lift a 3-to-5-foot potted tree. Volunteers will be asked to move the trees down the boardwalk and to place

them into the marsh. If time allows volunteers will begin planting the trees.

Volunteers should wear gloves, old clothes and

either boots or old shoes. Bring water and wear sunscreen.

Carts and wheel barrels to move the trees are need-

ed as well. To volunteer, e-mail Keep Mandeville Beautiful at [KMIB@cityof-mandeville.com](mailto:KMIB@cityof-mandeville.com) or call 624-3165.

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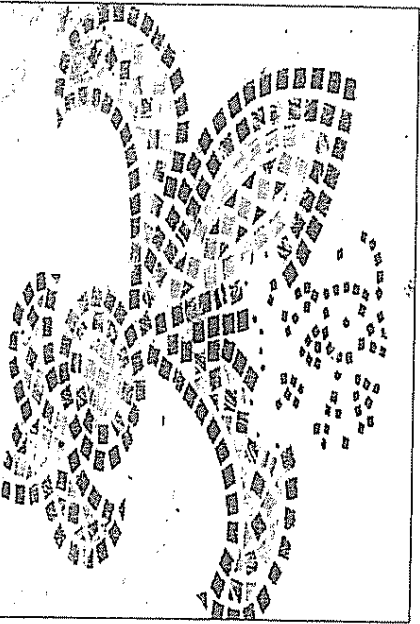
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