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Saving The Trees



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One year ago, the St. James Parish Science and Math Academy's (SMA) Environmental Club worked vigorously to get 1000 bald cypress seeds ready for planting. On November 29, 2007, this hard work paid off as students planted the small saplings.

Planting took place at Bayou Segnette State Park

in the recovery project due to damage brought by Hurricane Katrina.

During Hurricane Katrina, countless numbers of trees were up rooted and killed throughout the park. Without the protection of the tree's roots, the park will slowly begin to erode. However, Bayou Segnette is not alone. Parks and forests that were hit by Katrina also suffer the

same fate.

Thirty students participated in this year's planting, accompanied by Mrs. Kate Tyler and Mrs. Lindsey Seely. A total of 300 saplings were planted, which left around fifty that will be grown into more mature plants and in turn planted sometime next year.

Luckily, the Science and Math Academy is not alone in its quest to repair hurricane damage. Other schools are also getting involved and helping out with the recovery. In addition, companies and organizations offer grants in order for groups like the SMA Environmental Club to be able to help out without much cost on their part. With this much support, SMA hopes to get the environment back to a natural balance soon.

SMA's Environmental Club will continue this project by planting trees for future years to come.