Students from Albert Cammon Middle School did their part to help the Bayou Segnette State Park recover from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, planting close to 300 trees along a mile-long nature trail.

Throughout the past year, the students have raised the trees used in the restoration project in their school's on-campus nurseries, an area where the native trees are raised until they are large enough to be moved to their final planting location. The trees that were planted by this year's seventh-grade class were actually grown by last year's class. This year’s seventh-graders will begin growing a new group of trees in March.

By planting these new, young trees, they can grab onto the land and provide shade. This also serves as an outdoor classroom for these students and they get to learn a lot about this habitat and the importance of its restoration.

Dr. Pam Blanchard, the Coastal Roots coordinator, helped create the Coastal Roots Program and she was very impressed with Albert Cammon students. "(They) have been very organized," she said. "Actually, they are one of the best groups we have dealt with. The organized schools we have dealt with, the teachers have always come down to the teachers at the school and said, 'The teachers really have to be willing to take part in this program because they do it on their own,'" she said. "The teachers really have to be willing to take part in this program because they do it on their own."