Pierre Part students plant trees for Coastal Roots

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Under the guidance and
and to hold the soil in place
provided food for the many
were desperately needed to
vegetables six months. These
of pear trees that were
on the property set
were patented by Coastal Roots
in 2001. The Louisiana State
on the third and fourth
strongest growing varieties

Note

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instruction of Professor Pam Blanchard, the students learned the proper planting technique, listened to safety reminders and then divided into groups each with a dibble (planting tool) and a bag full of tree seedlings. Then the entire group trekked a mile and a half along a muddy trail to a pipeline adjacent to the burn area, where they all splashed along in the shallow water, planting trees on whatever dry spots they could find. The owners traveled along on four wheeled electric vehicles, replenishing tree supplies, collecting empty seedling cells, and offering rides if needed.

After planting almost 800 Nuttall Oak trees along the pipeline, the students slogged back to high ground where they ate their bag lunches before hiking back to the staging area and the buses. Everyone was wet, covered with mud, boots filled with water and tired but wonderfully satisfied with the days work and happy when Blanchard said Giambrone’s classes over the years had been among the best at growing healthy trees.

Paraprofessional Cynthia Carr walked the entire pipeline with the students.

Eighth graders Trevis Roy, Jonathan Acosta, and Alexander Formen found a relatively dry spot in which to plant one of their seedlings.

Eighth grade science teacher John Giambrone collected empty seedling cells, took pictures and generally gave encouragement to his students.