Saving Marshes and Ridges Together
A SMART Partnership

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SMART Partners

- BTNEP – Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program
- BTEF – Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Foundation
- Shell – Shell Upstream Deepwater Gulf of Mexico and their affiliates
- USACE – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Greater Lafourche Port Commission (GLPC)
- CWPPRA – Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act
- The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- Bayou Grace Community Services
- Wetland Warriors
- Seattle Academy
- Christ & Holy Trinity Episcopal, Westport, Conn.
- Union College
- University of Buffalo
- Northern Illinois University
- Iowa State University
- Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Les Reflections du Bayou
- The Gunston School Bay Studies Program
- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF)
- Louisiana Sea Grant (LSG)
- Nicholls State University (NSU) Biology Department
- Common Ground Relief
- University of Illinois
- University of Missouri
- University of Arkansas – Monticello
- Mulberry Elementary
- John Deere – Thibodaux
- Association of Corporate Counsel
- Appalachian State University
- University of Richmond – SEEDS Group
- Louisiana Master Gardeners
- Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA)
- Jefferson Parish
- Plaquemines Parish
- National Park Service (NPS)
- Patrick F. Taylor High School
Native Woody Species

- Live oak
- Sand live oak
- Hackberry
- American beautyberry
- Honeylocust
- Persimmon
- Red mulberry
- Wax myrtle
- Yaupon
- Roughleaf dogwood
- Hercules’ club
- Salt matrimony vine
Fourchon Ridge Plantings

- 4 plantings
- 52 volunteers
- 1,750 woody plants
- 400 herbaceous plants
Fourchon Marsh Plantings

- December 2017 to May 2019
- 10 plantings
- 167 volunteers
- 15,145 herbaceous plants
Planting south of the Ridge
University of Missouri Alternative Breaks
March 27, 2018
Plantings north of the Ridge
Common Ground Relief
January 9, 2018
Native Plant Production Facility Expansion
“Fool Me Once....”
“Who told you we had cookies?”
“This chair doesn’t recline?”
TNC & BTNEP’s Grand Isle Arbor Day Tree Giveaway
February 10, 2017
Hanko’s Boat Trailer
March 2017
Native Plant Production Facility

- 44 “Farm Days”
- 500+ volunteers
Association of Corporate Counsel
September 22, 2018
Open Volunteer Day
June 28, 2018
Open Volunteer Day
July 25, 2019
Native Woody Species Grown Out for Bayou Dupont (BA-48) and Grand Liard (BA-68)

- Live oak
- Hackberry
- American beautyberry
- Persimmon
- Red mulberry
- Wax myrtle
- Yaupon
Spanish Pass Ridge
Spanish Pass Ridge Plantings
January 24 & 25, 2019

Herbaceous
1500 seashore paspalum

Woody Species
1750 red mulberry
450 salt matrimonyvine
600 assorted
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