



**Environmental Conservation Organization out of Louisiana State University pose during their recent visit to Woodlands Trails and Park in Belle Chasse, where they planted over 1,000 trees.**

## **1,000 trees planted at Woodlands Trails**

Lizzy Hingle, a sophomore at Louisiana State University, in the Department of Renewable Resources and Vice President of the Environmental Conservation Organization organized a camp-out and tree planting at Woodlands Trail and Park in Belle Chasse. After spending her holiday free-time volunteering at Woodlands Trail and Park to prepare for the spring Ecosystem Restoration project that involved planting over 4,300 trees

and seedlings, Hingle decided to get the ECO group involved in helping with the tree planting. The group of fifteen club members camped out at Woodlands Trail and Park and then spent the next day planting over 1,000 trees.

The Woodlands Trail and Park project began as an ambitious grassroots regional effort in 1997 to plan for smart growth while preserving, protecting and celebrating the natural beauty and

cultural treasures within a 10,000-acre peninsula in the Metropolitan New Orleans area. Recognized as an America's Wetland Birding Trail, the nonprofit organization, Woodlands Trail and Park, has established over 13-miles of greenways and trails in the Belle Chasse area.

For more information about the organization and restoration effort, visit [www.woodlandstrail.org](http://www.woodlandstrail.org).