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**HOUMA (December 5, 2014)** - The Terrebonne Parish Tree Board with the aid of the La Terre Master Gardeners will be distributing over 1,000 native trees donated by the Apache Corporation for the Terrebonne Parish Annual Arbor Day Celebration Tree Giveaway on Saturday, January 17, 2015. The event will take place from 9am-11:30am near the front entrance to the Terrebonne Parish Main Library at 151 Library Drive located near the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center. The 200 native-species saplings and 800 native-species seedlings will be given out to Terrebonne Parish residents with a limit of 2 saplings per household.

Disasters from storms to spills, saltwater intrusion, sinking lands and eroding coastlines have all contributed to the suffering that coastal Louisiana's trees have endured. Apache Corporation, La Terre Master Gardeners and the Terrebonne Parish Tree Board have been developing partnerships to utilize resources and relationships that aid in improving the health and enhancing the natural beauty of the Terrebonne Parish community and its coastline.

"We have been given these precious gifts of trees by the Apache Corporation and it is our responsibility to teach people how to love them, how to plant them and how to sustain them," said Laura Browning, Terrebonne Tree Board Chair.

TPCG Tree Board and Master Gardeners members will be there to assist residents with selections as well as distributing written materials on proper methods of where and how to plant trees. After you receive your trees this year, the Tree Board as well as Apache Corporation would like to have pictures of you planting your new trees or pictures of you standing with your previously received trees from this event for an Arbor Day memento. Please email your pictures to Chris Pulaski at TPCG Planning and Zoning at [cpulaski@tpcg.org](mailto:cpulaski@tpcg.org). For more information, please visit the TPCG Tree Board website at [www.tpcg.org/trees](http://www.tpcg.org/trees).

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 17, 2015  
**WHEN:** 9:00 am until 11:30 am  
**WHERE:** Terrebonne Parish Public Library Main Branch  
151 Library Drive  
Houma, LA 70360