

# 1,000 TREES IN 1,000 DAYS

## Sasol Corporate Social Investment



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**Education & Workforce Development**



**Environment**



**Small Business Development**



### BACKGROUND

Sasol has a long-standing history of contributing to the communities where we operate. The company developed the 1,000 Trees in 1,000 Days program following feedback received from Sasol's Southwest Louisiana near neighbors. Community members identified a need to restore, preserve and enhance local ecosystems with tree planting being a suggested community-based project to that end.

Sasol partnered with the McNeese State University Harold and Pearl Dripps School of Agricultural Sciences and 11 other community organizations to develop the 1,000 Trees program which kicked off with the program's first planting in fall of 2016.

### STEERING COMMITTEE

The 1,000 Trees steering committee is led by the McNeese State University Harold and Pearl Dripps School of Agricultural Sciences and community members with expertise in landscape architecture, urban planning, public administration as well as sustainable ecosystem development, restoration and preservation. The committee collected and considered nominations for planting areas and selected indigenous tree species based on soil compatibility. Additionally, the group worked with local government and planning groups to ensure tree plantings were aligned with long-term development planning for the area.

### TREE PLANTING LOCATIONS

All tree plantings took place in Calcasieu Parish, with priority given to nominations within the City of Westlake – Sasol's nearest neighboring community in Southwest Louisiana. Locations were selected by the community-led steering committee based on enhancement to local ecosystem, wildlife habitats, utility and other sustainability factors.

### TREE CHOICE

An assortment of indigenous seedlings and mature trees were planted based on availability and suitable soil conditions. Preferred tree species are those that are optimal for the intended location and sustainable without direct or indirect support systems.



Species planted include: green ash, bald cypress, live oak, sawtooth oak, native sweet pecan, mayhaw, persimmon, crabapple, yellow poplar, wild pear, white oak, satsuma, eastern redbud, flowering dogwood, black

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walnut, hickory, sweet bay magnolia, sycamore, sweet gum, water oak, crepe myrtle, eastern red cedar and longleaf pine. Seedlings and mature trees were purchased from local, Louisiana nurseries when possible.

### **EDUCATION COMPONENT**

An elementary education environmental science and tree education program was launched in local schools as part of the 1,000 Trees program.

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

McNeese State University Harold and Pearl Dripps School of Agricultural Sciences, Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, City of Westlake, City of Sulphur, City of Lake Charles, Southwest Louisiana Chamber-Economic Development Alliance, Port of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish School System, Coastal Plain Conservancy, the State of Louisiana Office of State Parks and the State of Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry