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### ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

#### DEQ ANNOUNCES 2004 – 2005 LITTER ABATEMENT AWARDS

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is pleased to announce the selection of 17 applicants to receive litter abatement funds for the 2004 – 2005 fiscal year.

For the last several years, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated \$200,000 from the state general fund to be used in litter abatement programs. These monies are managed by DEQ for the administration and execution of the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Programs by local governments, quasi-governmental units and nonprofit organizations. DEQ supports strong litter abatement programs, which have education, enforcement and cleanup components.

Local governments, communities and organizations demonstrate a high level of interest in keeping Louisiana beautiful by identifying and controlling litter problems in the state. Consequently, funding requests far exceed available resources. This year, 69 proposals were received from across Louisiana requesting funds totaling \$919,460.

“Local governments and neighborhood associations, partnering with DEQ and the legislature are visualizing and realizing a cleaner Louisiana for us all,” said DEQ Secretary Mike McDaniel.

Through activities focusing on education, enforcement and cleanups, these organizations are working together to make the public more aware of litter laws and the effects of litter on our communities.

#### **Award recipients for 2004- 2005**

#### **State Funding Awarded**

Bastrop-Morehouse Chamber of Commerce	\$9,500
City of Abbeville	\$9,225
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge	\$9,990
City of Denham Springs	\$14,540
City of Grambling	\$19,785
City of Leesville	\$9,500
City of Mandeville/Keep Mandeville Beautiful	\$15,500
City of Natchitoches/Keep Natchitoches Beautiful	\$9,700
City of Ville Platte	\$9,239
City of Springhill	\$8,639
Keep West Monroe Beautiful/City of West Monroe	\$7,795
Keep Cenla Beautiful/Cenla Pride, Inc.	\$9,900
Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District	\$20,000
Les Reflections du Bayou	\$12,736
Marksville Chamber of Commerce	\$14,000
Tangipahoa Parish Council	\$9,952
Town of Jonesville	\$9,999