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**Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1****Receives 4 Trash Receptacles Through Keep Louisiana Beautiful Grant to Prevent Litter in Ponchatoula**

(Ponchatoula, Louisiana) – Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1 is pleased to be selected as one of the 71 recipients of the 2023-24 Keep Louisiana Beautiful Trash Receptacle Grant program made possible with funding from the State of Louisiana and Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1 will install 2 trash receptacles at King’s Playground and 2 trash receptacles at the playground near the gym.

Through the 2024 Trash Receptacle Grant program, Keep Louisiana Beautiful awarded 628 receptacles to 71 organizations in 40 parishes for a total value of \$491,294.

As part of the requirements of this grant, Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1 will perform a post installation litter scan and compare the data collected to preliminary scan results. Data will be shared with the public once available.

“With these new receptacles installed, we will be able to reduce litter and keep our community clean and beautiful.” says Letisha Smith, Supervisor at Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1.

“Recent data collected by Keep Louisiana Beautiful shows a reduction of litter by 78 percent in areas where trash receptacles are properly installed and maintained,” says Susan Russell, KLB Executive Director. “One of our organization’s key initiatives is to help build infrastructure that supports clean, beautiful communities. Funding trash receptacles is one way we do that. Congratulations to Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1 for being selected as a 2023-24 Trash Receptacle Grant recipient.”

To learn more about Keep Louisiana Beautiful, visit [www.keeplouisianabeautiful.org](http://www.keeplouisianabeautiful.org) .

### **About Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1**

Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1 (PARD#1) is a recreational facility offering a wide range of activities for southern Tangipahoa Parish. Our complex is located on a beautiful 90-acre tract of land off Hoover Road just east of Ponchatoula.

Our facility has a 1.4-mile-long paved walking/jogging trail that is enjoyed daily by many people throughout the area. We have two (2) playgrounds with many activities for young children. Two large pavilions offer's a perfect place for families to spend time together for birthday parties, school functions, and other social events.

There are two football fields and twelve baseball fields for recreational leagues for children of all ages.

A pond stocked with fish allows people without a boat a chance to enjoy catch and release fishing. The indigenous live oaks and pine trees along with other landscaped areas offer a beautiful place to enjoy the outdoors.

Our state-of-the-art double gymnasium, completed in 2011, includes two courts, a concession area, walking track and conference room. A second double court gymnasium was completed in 2020.

### **About Keep Louisiana Beautiful**

Keep Louisiana Beautiful is an anti-litter and community improvement non-profit organization focused on achieving a clean and beautiful Louisiana through education, enforcement, public awareness, and community engagement. Keep Louisiana Beautiful is affiliated with Keep America Beautiful and comprised of a statewide network of 40 Community Affiliates and seven University Affiliates. Learn more at [www.keeplouisianabeautiful.org](http://www.keeplouisianabeautiful.org) .