



DEQ Southeast Regional Office staff assist at Ben Franklin Elementary School's environmental fair

Staff from the Southeast Regional office of DEQ partnered with Bayou Land Resource Conservation and Development group to assist with the Ben Franklin Elementary School Math and Science Environmental Fair on Saturday March 3. Jeff J. Dauzat, Ella Barbe and Davina Witte represented DEQ. Bayou Land RC&D was represented by Jennifer Roberts.

Representatives manned a booth with environmental handouts and giveaways featuring “Louie” the DEQ crawfish and information on the department’s “Be the Solution” campaign. They demonstrated “Walnut Bayou,” a project built by DEQ environmental scientists as an interactive river model designed to help students understand rivers’ abilities to change and meander.

Hundreds of students were able to visit the DEQ display. They enjoyed digging into the river model and asked many questions relative to pollution, flooding and river water travel. DEQ staff presented the students with informational materials focusing on anti-litter and soil conservation centering on DEQ’s environmental stewardship “Be The Solution” campaign.

DEQ considers outreach and education, so citizens can participate in protecting their own environment, a vital part of its mission. Events such as the environmental fair help to introduce students to the world around them while informing them of ways in which they can play a positive role in maintaining a healthy environment for the future.

