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ExxonMobil Interns organize first-ever greenbelt volunteer project

On a clear October day, 22 ExxonMobil interns and co-ops met at the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center to kick off a very special volunteer project. With paint brushes and hammers in hand, volunteers assembled bird nesting boxes and installed them in the ExxonMobil Baytown Complex greenbelt areas surrounding their facilities as part of ExxonMobil's natural land management and wildlife habitat program.

Working closely with the Baytown Nature Center and Lee College, ExxonMobil intern Noma Ogbeifun organized this first-ever greenbelt project for his peers. "When presented with this environmental volunteer project, our team was pleased to work safely together to enhance the natural habitat area around our facilities," stated Noma. "The project taught our group not only about community service, but the importance of protecting our environment and local native bird species."

As a strong supporter in this activity, the Baytown Nature Center gave guidance on the design and installation of the nesting boxes. "Nesting boxes are valuable as they provide a safe place for birds that raise their young in cavities," stated Tracey Prothro, superintendent of the Baytown Nature Center. "By building and appropriately placing nesting boxes, a difference in the local population of bird species has been noted." For example, the eastern bluebird was a species in serious decline due to the decreasing number of natural cavities available to them. The species has since rebounded because of bird nesting box programs organized throughout Texas.

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Photo Cutlines:

ExxonMobil Interns 1 Photo – ExxonMobil interns Gabe Lawless, Stephanie Camstra, Noma Ogbeifun, and Brad Chandler assemble bird nesting boxes at the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center as part of a wildlife habitat volunteer project.

ExxonMobil Interns 2 Photo – ExxonMobil interns are busy installing bird nesting boxes in the greenbelt area around the ExxonMobil facilities to provide a shelter for birds to raise their young.

ExxonMobil Interns 3 Photo – A group of ExxonMobil interns recently assembled bird nesting boxes and installed them in the ExxonMobil Baytown Complex greenbelt areas.