

# News Release

## Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

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### Our Mission Is:

“Provide the services, leadership, and vision to improve the quality of life in Jefferson Parish.”

**Steve J. Theriot**  
Parish President

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### **JEFFERSON PARISH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AWARDED HIGHEST HONORS**

The Jefferson Parish Public Works Departments of Parkway and Drainage were named winners in the 2009 Quality Vegetation Management (QVM) Habitat Awards.

Sponsored by BASF Professional Vegetation Management, the QVM Project Habitat awards are presented to exceptional vegetation management projects that create and sustain healthy habitats through professional, ethical and responsible practices.

Jefferson Parish Departments of Parkway and Drainage teamed up with its Contractors to develop four specific programs that were designed to complement each other and together made one incredible program.

Jefferson Parish was named a winner in these categories:

- **TURF MAINTENANCE PROGRAM – RAMELLI GROUP AND IN-HOUSE CREWS** – Ramelli Janitorial Services is responsible for nearly 24,000 acres of roadside and canal top cuts and litter removal every year. Ramelli has been assigned 31 annual cycles of over 500 acres of manicure maintenance of roadside and litter removal on the east and west banks.
- **TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM – BAYOU TREE SERVICE AND IN-HOUSE CREWS** – Over the past 4 years Bayou Tree Service has been working with Jefferson Parish Parkways Department under the watchful eye of the Parish Arborist. The primary focus has been the safety of the residents and reducing the cost of long term maintenance to their medians and right-of-ways.
- **HERBICIDE APPLICATION PROGRAM – PROGRESSIVE SOLUTIONS** – This award program spotlights vegetation management projects that make positive environmental changes, whether it is protecting endangered species, fighting invasive weeds, supporting industry research or simply improving habitat for native plants and animals through responsible application strategies and branded products.
- **CANAL BANK RESTORATION PROGRAM – C. BUD TAULLI, CONSTRUCTION** – C. Bud Taulli Construction works closely with Jefferson Parish Horticulturist to both enhance the aesthetic qualities of drainage servitudes and provide erosion control. This is accomplished by the use of specially designed deep draft cutting decks, which allow the growth of a thicker, stronger stand of Bermuda grass, while virtually eliminating any scalping of turf.

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