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### Envirothon Team Assists MSPMC on Natchez Trace



Strider Academy Envirothon team members (from left) LeeAnn Melton, Jacquelyn Brooks, Jon Allison, John C. Brooks, Bradley Williamson, Jeremy Woods and Cassie Tennyson assist with planting native plants along a section of the Natchez Trace Parkway near Madison in central Mississippi. (Photo special to The Sun-Sentinel)

### Strider students assist with planting

**Special to The Sun-Sentinel**  
On May 9, Strider Academy's Envirothon team left the school en route to Morton, where they would compete the following day against other schools, both public and private, in a statewide Envirothon competition testing their knowledge of soils,

wildlife, forestry and aquatics. On the way, they stopped near Madison to join other students in planting approximately 600 native plants along a section of the Natchez Trace that had been disturbed in the creation of a hiking and bike trail. The Strider students were a great help in the endeavor. The work was done with

supervision and technical assistance from the Jamie L. Whitten Plant Materials Center (PMC), a U.S. Department of Agriculture/Natural Resources Conservation Service regional office that is located near Coffeerville. The mission of the PMC program is to find plant solutions for conservation needs.

This may include plant releases, technical assistance, training and research/demonstration plots. York Woods LLC and Tallahatchie Soil and Water Conservation District also provided assistance to the Strider students, whose story will be appearing soon on the USDA blog at [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

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