The seventh grade program has historically been a system wide service learning opportunity. In 2011 we transitioned from working on oyster restoration, after the Piney Point Aquaculture Center temporarily went offline, and started a native plant nursery at the Elms. Seventh graders study the ecology of wetland plants and serve the nursery by helping to grow plants that are made freely available to non-profits, schools, scouts and master gardeners. Public plant sales for private homeowners are held once a year.

Students and community groups conducting restoration activities using the native plants may include rain gardens, wildlife habitat creation, reforestation, erosion control and wetland restoration/diversification.