



WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Apple Knolls HOA in Martinsburg

18 volunteers helped with planting the trees at this WV Project CommuniTree event, including 12 adults and 6 enthusiastic children.

Two community members used a tractor with an auger to dig the holes on October 23rd, and used the backhoe to remove several large rocks.

On Friday the 24th, the Project Leader, a neighbor,

and two of his children brought a trailer and they picked up the trees and mulch.

The Project Leader purchased donuts, coffee, juice and water to fortify the volunteers, and everyone enjoyed the refreshments.

At 8:00 a.m. the volunteers started showing up to work. They discussed how to plant the trees, how to maintain them in the future, and where the different species of trees would be planted.

They worked and laughed, told

jokes and enjoyed the morning, pleased that they

were making such a difference in their neighborhood. They all agreed that this is going to be a beautiful spot to congregate with their neighbors. They also talked about creating a trail through the adjacent natural area with informational signs that discuss the importance of the streamside buffers.

There is a lot to look forward to here!



A word from the Project Leader, Marla Blady:

“I truly enjoyed the planting, and I think everyone else did too. It was nice to get together that way. There is a real sense of satisfaction looking at all the trees we planted.”

