



WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Blue Ridge Elementary School

BRWC sets the example for planting year after year!

More than 300 Blue Ridge Elementary School students, with the help of Blue Ridge Watershed Coalition (BRWC) volunteers, planted a mix of 17 shade and flowering trees on their campus in Harpers Ferry on October 20, 2015.

Project Leader Carl Drumgoole and four other volunteers picked up the trees and prepped the site between October 6 to October 19. Even more impressive—they dug all of the holes by hand and it took less than 5 hours to complete.

The tree planting took place during the school day and the weather was perfect with blue skies and



mild temperatures. The 17 trees were planted by the students throughout the playground and campus. 15 parents and teachers assisted the students with the planting. The classes ranged from 2nd-5th grades and were in classes of about 25 students. Each class spent twenty minutes outside with Carl and Tom Romero

(BRWC), and Kat Cooper and Tanner Haid (Cacapon Institute), learning about the benefits of trees and then taking turns filling planting, staking, and mulching their tree.

The trees are now being monitored and maintained by the Blue Ridge Elementary staff, Blue Ridge Elementary PTO, and by the BRWC.

A word from the Project Leader, Carl Drumgoole:

“This event was very enjoyable for all parties involved. Blue Ridge Elementary students loved the actual planting. They really liked being outdoors and the hand on lessons.”



For more information, contact the Urban Watershed Forester at CTree@CacaponInstitute.Org or by calling 540-335-0687.