



WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Fairways West subdivision

Volunteers and community members from Fairways West HOA planted a mix of 24 evergreen and flowering trees in their neighborhood outside of Martinsburg on November 7, 2015.

In mid-October, Project Leader Pati Labrosse went door-to-door in the community to talk to neighbors about the volunteer opportunity. Flyers were taped to every door in the neighborhood!

On planting day, before anyone arrived, Pati started removing large rocks from the holes, and waited for Rachel Dines (Claggett Management) and Tanner Haid (Cacapon Institute) so they could all start staging trees and materials at each hole.

HOA Board member volunteers and other

community members started arriving at 10am.

In total, 9 volunteers participated on planting day.

Tanner chose a location at one of the trees to do a planting demonstration and training.

This was an excellent, short presentation, just enough information to educate the volunteers who then split up into teams and planted the trees.

It was enjoyable to watch the young boys use the stake post driver that pounded in the wooden stakes. They really felt tough driving the stakes into the ground!

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brought coffee and donuts and Tanner provided shovels and other tools.

Over the next 2 days after the tree planting, all of the trees were watered with 5 gallons of water. HOA volunteers are setting up a watering schedule for next summer.

The adjacent subdivision who witnessed this project now wants to host their own tree planting in 2016.

A word from the Project Leader, Pati Labrosse:

“The trees look amazing. We are so excited to see the flowering trees bloom in the spring. This has been such a great experience. Not only did it bring people in our community together for a fun day, but receiving this gift of trees was incredible.”



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