

# Village of Washington Trail HOA

24 Trees — 10 Volunteers — 56 Hours Volunteered

## WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Village of Washington Trail subdivision

### This project was a lot of fun!

As soon as the application opened for the WV Project CommuniTree fall 2015 planting season, the Board of Directors at Village of Washington Trail HOA knew that they wanted to apply.

The goal for this project was to continue upon the success of the [spring 2015 CTree event](#) and plant another 24 evergreen trees in their community outside of Martinsburg on October 10, 2015.

At around 9:00am on planting day, Rachel Dines (Clagett Management) and Tanner Haid (Cacapon Institute) arrived to start setting out trees and preparing for the planting. The rest of the volunteers trickled in and gathered around 10am near the

donuts and coffee that were donated by Clagett Management.

Nearly all of the volunteers had previously attended a planting, so the tree planting demonstration was a refresher course on how to

properly plant and maintain the trees. Most importantly, the volunteers were reminded of how to properly measure the depth of the holes based on the root collar and how to mulch the trees using the 3'x3"x3" rule.

After the demonstration, the volunteers divided into groups to plant the trees. In total, there were seven adults and one child that participated on planting day.



The volunteers made this project fun! They cracked jokes with each other the whole time and enjoyed the opportunity to spend time together. It was a perfect fall day—not too hot and not too cold. A fun game was made out of tossing rocks from the holes into a pile on the inside of the stormwater management area. These rocks will serve as riprap to slow the flow of stormwater.

### A word from the Project Leader, Rachel Dines:

*“I believe the camaraderie between the volunteers is one of the best perks of the project. It is great that neighbors are able to come out of the homes and share laughs while planting trees and bettering the environment.”*



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