



WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Wildflower Ridge Subdivision

Volunteers from Wildflower Ridge Subdivision planted a mix of 16 shade trees around a stormwater management pond in their neighborhood outside of Martinsburg on October 10, 2015.

The Project Leader Jill Dunleavy (Clagett Management), with assistance from Tanner Haid (Cacapon Institute), decided to plant the 16 trees in a large common area on Mercury Court. This area is probably about two acres in size and has a small pond in the middle of it where kids like to play and fish.

This location was picked to help reduce stormwater runoff and also because the community wants the area to become more like a neighborhood park.

The 16 trees include willow oak, river birch, sycamore, sweet gum, and other species that can tolerate both wet and dry soil.

A contractor was hired to auger the holes and the CTree Liaison's husband picked up the trees and delivered them to the planting site on the day of the planting.

Heather Ishman (Eastern Panhandle Conservation District), Kat Cooper (Cacapon Institute), and Jill arrived early to set up for the planting by moving all of the stakes, tubes, mulch, and arbor strap to the holes. When volunteers started showing up they helped place a tree at each hole.



Heather presented information to the volunteers on how to properly plant, stake, and mulch the trees. The project moved along smoothly and in no time the hard-working volunteers had planted all 16 trees.

The common area looks really nice and everyone in the community is very happy with the project and proud of themselves for improving their neighborhood park!

A word from the Project Leader, Jill Dunleavy:

"I think that we all benefited from this experience by not only learning about tree varieties and how to plant them but by meeting each other and getting to know the community members a little better."



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