



WV Project CommuniTree Planting at the Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority

The Berkeley County Council and the Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority (EPTA) partnered on this project to plant a mix of 16 shade and flowering trees at the EPTA facility outside of Martinsburg on May 9, 2015.

The tree planting event at EPTA went very smoothly. The EPTA committed several volunteers and pieces of heavy equipment to auger the holes for planting. When all of the volunteers arrived at the site, nearly everything was prepared and ready. This allowed volunteers to be able to jump right in and start planting after a planting demonstration. Most of the volunteers were adults, but three children did participate. There was a mix of

volunteers including EPTA staff, program partners, and community volunteers.

The trees were planted across the EPTA's facility. Care was taken to avoid areas of potential expansion to the left side of the building. Most of the trees were planted along the front lawn of the facility near the stormwater easement area. These trees will provide shade and also act as a screen to block the view of the road and airport. Trees were placed in a manner that will allow for ease of watering and additional phases of tree plantings in the future.

Shade and flowering trees were planted along the entrance road and also around the back of the building in a future picnic and courtyard area. This permitted a natural flow of



planting, starting with the trees out front and ending around the back of the building.

All-in-all, this was a great project and everyone looks forward to continuing to plant more trees at the EPTA as they plan for future plantings in fall 2015.

A word from the Project Leader, Chris Overton:

“From a coordination standpoint, the best part of WV Project CommuniTree is the ease of planting. Since [CTree Kits] were assembled and ready for EPTA staff members, pre-planting planning activities were able to be more heavily focused on soliciting volunteers and coordinating transportation, for example, than finding the right supplies, etc.”



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