



## WV Project CommuniTree Planting at the South Berkeley Recycling Center

The Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority (BCSWA) and students from Martinsburg High School planted a mix of 24 shade and flowering trees at the South Berkeley Recycling Center in Inwood on May 18, 2015.

Prior to the planting event, the holes for the trees were augured. The augur was rented from Tri-County Rental and delivered by a volunteer. The auguring activity was completed by BCSWA recycling center staff with the aid of two volunteers. Additionally, top soil and compost was donated by Tabb and Son Composting and delivered to the site by a volunteer.

The trees were planted by eight volunteers from Martinsburg High School. Also in attendance were several foresters from the

WV Division of Forestry, a local businessman, and an on-duty policeman.

The student volunteers were arranged by Martinsburg High School student Taylor Grove.

Most of the trees were planted along the recycling center's southern property line. These trees will provide shade and help enhance the aesthetics of the entrance of the facility.

Several wet-tolerant shrubs were planted at the rain garden in the center of the property.

Four eastern white pine trees were planted near the storm water pond to serve as a visual screen.



Prior to the planting event, news articles appeared in The Journal to promote the planting event. The planting was also promoted on the BCSWA Facebook page and discussed at BCSWA public meetings in April and May.

These trees are a great addition to the South Berkeley Recycling Center. Great job to all those who participated in this project!

### A word from the Project Leader, Clint Hogbin:

*“The planting event was well organized and educational. It's well appreciated by the BCSWA to have obtained the trees and the associated signage. The event led to the promotion of recycling and ecology at Martinsburg High School.”*



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