

Breckenridge HOA

100 Mixed Trees—47 Volunteers—120 Hours Volunteered

WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Breckenridge Subdivision

Community volunteers from Breckenridge HOA in Charles Town planted a mix of 100 trees in their neighborhood on April 25, 2015.

Breckenridge is a fairly large community of 282 single-family homes, with many "young" families residing there. Plenty of volunteers helped to plant the 100 trees located on either side of a storm water drainage swale running through the recreational area of the community.

In addition to newsletter advertising and posting of flyers, the community maintains a social media site where the event was heavily advertised.

The planting event officially began at 10 AM, and volunteers arrived as

early as 9 AM to assist with unloading trees and placing them near the pre-dug holes. This process took quite a while due to the number of trees as well as the span of the planting area. Once the trees were distributed, Cacapon Institute's Tanner Haid provided a planting demonstration and the volunteers got to work. As the morning and afternoon progressed some volunteers had to leave while new volunteers arrived.

There were a total of 19 adult volunteers and 25 youth volunteers. Young families' days can be filled with school, community, and sports events so we are especially thankful to



everyone who made time to come out.

Overall the event was a huge success and we are excited to watch the trees grow!

A word from the Project Leader, Heather Field:

"I have found CommuniTree to be a fantastic program, and am very pleased with how smoothly the program ran throughout the entire process - from planning to planting. I don't know how you could make it any better! We are very appreciative of the trees and assistance provided through the program."



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