

WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Camp Frame

4-H campers planted a mix of 16 shade and flowering trees at Camp Frame in Hedgesville on June 17, 2015.

The tree planting was conducted during the week of camp (June 15th—19th) as a class taught by Herb Peddicord of the West Virginia Division of Forestry. The class was attended by 10 boys and girls. The trees were planted around the central part of the camp which has been losing trees over the years due to storms and declining health from old age.

The mixture of trees was perfect for the site and included 4 red oaks, 1 tulip poplar, 2 sweet gums, 5 white oaks, 2 serviceberries, 1 eastern redbud, and 1 flowering dogwood. These trees will add shade for campers, improve aesthetics, and increase to the overall tree canopy of Berkeley County.

The holes for the trees were dug using a backhoe by the camp caretaker on the evening before the tree planting. This same individual has agreed to water the trees during the hot summer months.

These campers did a great job of planting their trees and we all look forward to watching them grow! The Camp Frame 4-H Association is currently considering future planting projects.





A word from the Project Leader, George E. Tabb, Jr.:

"The most memorable part of the event was seeing the smiles on the faces of the young people following the completion of the project. They learned so much about the proper planting and the care necessary to maintain the young trees."