



WV Project CommuniTree Planting along the Route 9 Bike Path

The City of Ranson, Harpers Ferry Job Corps, Harpers Ferry Middle School, and Shepherd University worked together on this multi-phase project along the Route 9 Bike Path in Charles Town over three days in April 2015.

A total of 88 volunteers, nearly all students, participated in the tree planting projects.

On the first planting day, April 15, 20 students from Harpers Ferry Middle School planted 24 flowering trees from WV Project CommuniTree, as well as 26 additional trees donated by WV Division of Forestry and Ranson City Nursery, at the Currie Road exit off of Route 9. These trees were replacements for trees that failed to establish from previous plantings.

On April 20, 20 students from Shepherd University planted roughly half of the 135 trees donated by Ranson City Nursery along the Route 9 bike path at the Wiltshire Road exit.

On April 21, 17 students from Harpers Ferry Job Corps finished planting the rest of the trees along the bike path at the Wiltshire Road exit.

The trees donated by the City of Ranson nursery included black cherry, eastern white cedar, flowering dogwood, eastern redbud, red oak, river birch, serviceberry, sugar maple, swamp white oak, sweet gum, sycamore, and more.

This project was a continuation of existing partnerships between the City of Ranson, WV Division of Highways, WV Division of Forestry, local organizations, and students and staff from



Harpers Ferry Job Corps, Shepherd University, and Jefferson County schools.

WV Project CommuniTree looks forward to continuing to assist these groups in facilitating quality tree planting opportunities along the Route 9 bike path!

A word from the Project Leader, Bill Gregg:

“A favorite part of the project involved working once again with the Job Corps’, Harpers Ferry Middle School students, and -- this year -- with the students at Shepherd University. I especially enjoyed my interactions with students at Harpers Ferry Middle School and Shepherd University where I gave talks before our tree planting activities.”



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