



Eagle Intermediate School

24 Mixed Trees—260 Volunteers—281 Hours Volunteered

WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Eagle Intermediate School

Students and staff from Eagle Intermediate School (EIS), as well as volunteers from the Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS), planted a mix of 24 shade, flowering, and evergreen trees at EIS in Martinsburg on May 6, 2015.

PVAS provided the Potomac Watershed Partnership's Growing Native curriculum. The school has 10 fourth grade classes (250 students) and the program was funded by Cacapon Institute and the US Forest Service. The CTree project was an important component and helped connect the students with their larger watershed.

Several volunteers, including PVAS Master Naturalists, dug and prepared the holes so that the site would be ready for each class.

The planting was spread out over three days because of the great number of classes at the school. Classes came out one at a time for 1 hour each (two classes the first day and four classes on both the second and third days).

PVAS volunteers helped the students place the trees in a pre-dug hole, fill in with soil, and water the trees.

The trees are located in several places around the school. Twelve shade trees (red oak, tulip poplar, sugar maple, and white oak) are on the south side of the school, near one wing and near the back parking lot. Eight flowering trees (serviceberry and eastern redbud) were



planted along the path from the school building, up a short rise, to the playground area. Four evergreen white pines were planted on the north end of one wing of the building.

This was a great project with many students and community volunteers pitching in to make Eagle Intermediate School greener and healthier!

A word from the Project Leader, Lewis Mullenax:

“The event was fun for the students! During the semester Watershed Education program, students had been learning about erosion and the benefits of buffer zones and this experience helped them connect the theory of watershed protection with service learning.”



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