



## WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Hampshire High School

Students and staff from Hampshire High School (HHS) planted a mix of 100 shade, flowering, and evergreen trees at their school in Romney on April 29, 2015.

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Hartman (WV Department of Environmental Protection) educated the students in class before the planting on native trees, tree identification, and benefits of trees. A tree walk on campus revealed a sore lack of native species but students are taking a

leadership role in improving their school and community.

More than 50 students and several teachers at HHS converted approximately 1 acre of land on school property from “Turf to Trees”. Trees planted include 20 evergreens (Pitch Pines, White Pines, and Eastern Red Cedars), 45 shade trees (Red Maples, Red Oaks, Sweet Gums, etc.), and 35 flowering trees (Serviceberries and Eastern Redbuds). Riverside Mulch donated several yards of mulch for the planting day.

The trees added a natural barrier between the school’s agriculture buildings and the adjacent residential properties in Sunrise Addition. They will also provide educational opportunities for students.

We look forward to watching this future forest grow!



### A word from the Project Leader, Christopher Zembower:

*“It was fun watching students learn. They were actively engaged in the tasks. The students enjoyed being of the classroom and learning outdoors. We enjoyed new partnerships with state agencies and Cacapon Institute for educating the students.”*



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