

Moorefield High School Envirothon Team

24 Mixed Trees—39 Volunteers—133 Hours Volunteered

WV Project CommuniTree Planting along Route 55 in Moorefield

Students from Moorefield High School's [Envirothon Team](#), with members of local 4-H clubs, planted a mix of 24 shade and flowering trees along Route 55 (Winchester Avenue) in Moorefield on April 29, 2015.

Preceding the planting, Terry Hardy and Bob Clark, Moorefield Tree Board members, spoke to the Old Fields Mountaineers 4-H Club on April 6 at their monthly meeting. Terry and Bob conveyed the importance of trees to the environment and how they help water quality. They also gave a general overview of the CTree program and why volunteering is important.

Hardy County DOH was instrumental to this project by providing manpower and equipment to get the site

ready for planting. On April 27, they began prepping the site by hauling away debris. With assistance from Carla Hardy of the WV Conservation Agency they prepared the holes with a backhoe. Tree board members picked up the CTree kit on April 28 and delivered those materials to the site.

At 4PM on April 29 planting day had arrived! The volunteers met at the Brethren Church for snacks and a pep talk before proceeding to the planting site. A total of 25 volunteers participated on planting day, including Envirothon members, 4-H leaders and



club members, and tree board members. The 2015 WV Envirothon Team gave a presentation to the group on the importance of urban trees in the environment and proper tree planting methodology. The volunteers broke up into groups and planted, watered, and mulched the trees.

This project was a team effort and everyone involved did a great job!

A word from the Project Leader, Gretchen Cremann:

“All materials and assistance [we received were] outstanding. This was the perfect learning and volunteer opportunity for our community!”



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