



WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Shepherd University

Students, professors, alumni, and community volunteers from Shepherd University planted a mix of 50 shade, flowering, and evergreen trees on their campus in Shepherdstown on April 19, 2015.

The planting included 25 evergreen trees (white pines and pitch pines), 13 shade trees (red oaks, tulip poplars, sugar maples, etc.), and 12 flowering trees (eastern redbuds and serviceberries).

Nearly 40 volunteers attended the tree planting from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. The trees were planted along University Drive at Shepherd University with pines in the back, tall shade trees along the next row in the middle, and flowering trees along the road in the first row.

The event went very well and there was lots of positive feedback.

Volunteers worked in groups of 2-5 people to plant, stake, and mulch the trees. There were professors, students, and alumni from around the area

at the event to participate as well as some children who did a very good job of helping.

Everyone was very excited and the energy was high. Additional pictures can be found at the [Shepherd Environmental Organization's Facebook page](#).

Several university organization also participated in the planting,



including BetaBetaBeta (biology club) and APO (co-ed service fraternity).

This is the 4th CTree Planting at Shepherd University—[Spring 2013](#), [Spring 2014](#), and [Fall 2014](#). They also participated in a tree planting in 2011 with the WV Division of Forestry.

We look forward to assisting the university in planting more trees in the future!

A word from the Project Leader, Serena Juarez:

“My favorite part was just seeing everyone get passionate about planting. There were very young children being taught how to plant alongside older professors who have been planting their whole lives. Everyone got a good experience out of it and it seemed to benefit each person who participated.”



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