

TA Lowery Elementary School

16 Mixed Trees—170 Volunteers—110 Hours Volunteered

WV Project CommuniTree Planting at TA Lowery Elementary School

Students and staff from TA Lowery Elementary School, as well as community volunteers from Izaak Walton League and Elks Run Watershed Group, planted a mix of 16 shade and flowering trees at the school in Shenandoah Junction on April 30, 2015.

Volunteers included T.A. Lowery Elementary School's second and fifth graders, staff members, PTO member, 5 Izaak Walton League members, and an Elks Run Watershed Group member. Eastern redbuds and serviceberry trees were planted along the main road leading into the school and a parallel row of white oaks were planted on the top of the hill. An additional white oak was planted on the walking trail near the [spring 2014 CTree planting](#).

Tanner Haid and Andy Obringer from Cacapon Institute and a few volunteers arrived at the school at 8:00 a.m. to prepare the planting site. The trees were delivered by the Izaak Walton League and Jefferson County Maintenance

Department dug the holes for the trees.

When it came time to plant, the children were taken to the planting sites by the PTO and Ms. Young. The students then referred to the tree facts they had previously learned from Cacapon Institute about the importance of planting trees and the parts of a tree.

There was one class that had



to battle a little bit of rain so they modified their schedule, but they still were able to participate. It was a very successful planting day!

More pictures can be found on [TA Lowery's website](#).

It was a fun filled day with a warm community atmosphere. The newly planted trees give the school campus a stunningly beautiful landscape!

A word from the Project Leader, Marsha Young:

"Planting day was my favorite part of this project. [Cacapon Institute] did an excellent job working with the students. They got the students engaged and excited about taking care of our environment by planting the trees. They used scientific terminology and varied their instruction to relate to the different age levels of students."



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