



# The Village of Washington Trail HOA

50 Mixed Trees—35 Volunteers—174 Hours Volunteered

## WV Project CommuniTree Planting at The Village of Washington Trail Subdivision

Community volunteers from The Village of Washington Trail HOA, with assistance from Claggett Management staff, planted a mix of 50 evergreen, shade, and flowering trees in their neighborhood outside of Martinsburg on May 16, 2015.

The HOA planted a mix of 50 trees—20 white pines, 22 pitch pines, 5 eastern redbuds, 2 eastern hemlocks, and 1 red oak. These trees were placed in the common area of the community where there is a walking path and gazebo as well as some existing landscaping. The area is commonly used for events and community get-togethers.

The day before the planting, some members of the community organized to pick up the trees and a

contractor came out to auger the holes.

On planting day, Tanner Haid of Cacapon Institute and community members started prepping the site at 9:30 AM. A total of 28 volunteers showed up to help plant the trees. After a short introduction and a planting demonstration, everyone went to work.

The younger volunteers took the lead on getting the planting hole ready, watering, and bringing wheelbarrows of mulch to each tree.

In small groups, all other volunteers worked on the rest of the planting process such as planting trees at the



right depth, staking, and tubing.

More pictures can be found on the [HOA's Facebook page](#).

Altogether, the planting was a great opportunity for families to get outside and make their community better. All of the volunteers thoroughly enjoyed the planting. This community already has plans to apply again to plant more trees in upcoming planting seasons!

### A word from the Project Leader, Rachel Dines:

*"I feel like it was a great way for neighbors to meet and get to know each other. With the knowledge of planting trees under their belt from the planting, we actually had homeowners go and plant trees of their own in their yards afterwards."*





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