

Burlington United Methodist Family Services

16 Trees – 30 Volunteers – 82 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Burlington Center School

The campus of the Burlington Center School, which is home to the Apple Harvest Festival, was the site for this CommuniTree planting on October 20, 2016.

The school is owned by the Burlington United Methodist Family Services and promotes “wellness and behavioral stability” in their students. These 16 new trees will hopefully have a profound impact on the students, as studies have shown that trees help to [calm students and increase their concentration](#).

Many different species were planted, including American beech, sugar maple, swamp white oak, pagoda dogwood, eastern redbud, serviceberry, and white pine.

Planting day began around 8:30am with Cacapon Institute staff and the Project Leader, Matt Everline, getting the planting site ready. The holes had been pre-dug by staff using a augur.

Before the students came out to get their hands dirty, they watched an educational video in their classroom on how to properly plant trees.

Once they came outside, they broke into small groups to work with Cacapon Institute staff and Alana Hartman with WV Department of Environmental Protection.

In total, two classes and approximately 20 students participated in the planting.



The students enjoyed the opportunity to get outside and plant trees.

Staff at the school have agreed to watering the trees during the summer, as well as adding new layers of mulch annually and protecting the trees from vandalism during large events.

We wish the best of luck to these beautiful trees and amazing students!

A word from the Project Leader, Matt Everline:

“This was a great learning experience for our youth. It not only served to educate our students, it also improved the aesthetics of our campus while also benefiting the local ecosystem. The fact that the trees were provided at no cost was another benefit since we are a non profit agency.”



For more information, contact the Urban Watershed Forester at ctree@cacaponinstitute.org or by calling 540-335-0687.