

Charles Town Parks & Rec

16 Trees – 30 Volunteers – 78 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Jefferson Memorial Park

This was Charles Town Parks & Recreation's first CommuniTree planting, and with such great volunteer turnout, will most likely not be their last!

The Project Leader, Todd Coyle, met with Tanner Haid from Cacapon Institute throughout the project to plan the community tree planting.

Todd worked with the town maintenance crew to plan the locations of the trees, call Miss Utility, pick up the trees, and dig the holes. He also utilized multiple forms of media to market the event, including a [radio interview](#) on Talk Radio WRNR.

On Saturday, November 5th, a perfect fall morning, the volunteers started arriving. The volunteers were a diverse group,

ranging in age from one to seventy, and included many people from different walks of life, notably a cancer survivor, the Jefferson County sheriff, *Charles Town Now* representatives, and many more hard working kids and their families.

One of the volunteers participated in the project in a unique way by baking everyone brownies and providing beverages.

The volunteers started working after the tree planting demonstration presented by Cacapon Institute. Before long, all of the trees were planted, mulched, staked, and tubed. The remaining volunteers helped to clean up the planting site while Todd and Cacapon Institute staff watered the trees using the city's equipment.

One of the volunteers and



her daughter named their tree George (most likely after Charles Washington's brother) and said they look forward to visiting their tree often.

We wish George and all the rest of the trees at Jefferson Memorial Park the best of luck as they continue to grow!

A word from the Project Leader, Todd Coyle:

"There were a lot of smiles and good vibes. Everyone thanked us and wanted to know when we would do it again. It was a pleasant experience for all."



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