



Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Fairways of Stonebridge Subdivision

Nancy Chapman, Project Leader at Fairways of Stonebridge HOA, learned about CommuniTree from a former CTree Project Leader at a neighboring HOA that planted trees in [fall 2015](#). After learning about the beautiful trees offered through the Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree program, she was enthusiastic to apply.

Nancy was assisted throughout the project by Heather Field and Rachel Dines with Clagett Management.

In early October, Nancy went door-to-door to hand out flyers to every resident. Her hard work paid off on planting day when lots of volunteers showed up to participate in the project.

Before planting day, a local

landscaping company augured all of the holes for the volunteers.

The tree planting started at 10:00am on Saturday, October 15, 2016 with a demonstration from Jeff Iliff with Cacapon Institute.

Working in teams, the group planted all sixteen trees in a little less than two hours.

After all of the trees were staked and mulched, volunteers delivered water to each tree. Nancy will continue to care for the trees in the coming years, including watering during the summer and mulching.

In addition to these 16 trees,



the volunteers also planted a Carla Hardy Memorial Tree at the intersection of the two communities.

Residents are enthusiastic about the benefits their newly-planted shade, flowering, and evergreen trees will provide for the community for years to come.

Just like Nancy, we are excited to watch these trees bloom in the spring!

A word from the Project Leader, Nancy Chapman:

“The program was well thought out and administered and the volunteers from CommuniTree did anything they could to help. It is a shame more communities are not aware or take advantage of this wonderful program.”



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