



## Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at James Rumsey Technical Center

This project was a collaborative effort between James Rumsey Technical Center, Berkeley County Council, and Blue Ridge Community & Technical College.

The plan was simple—plant 16 shade trees at James Rumsey Technical Center on October 19, 2016.

The challenge of working with many different organizations was overcome and the project came together perfectly.

Chris Overton from Berkeley County Council, Tanner Haid from Cacapon Institute, and Matt Pennington from Region 9 provided support throughout the project, starting with creating a planting plan.

Several days before the tree planting, Wayne

Bennett with James Rumsey Technical Center picked up all of the trees and materials from Inwood. He was then assisted by 35 students with flagging the locations for the trees and digging the holes.

On the day of the tree planting, several of Wayne Bennett's classes, as well as students from Blue Ridge Community & Technical College, helped to plant the trees. There were also several media students on-site taking pictures of the tree planting process.

Matt led a tree planting demonstration for each group and talked with them about the benefits of trees in urban areas.



Blue Ridge students finished off the planting by watering all of the trees. Students and facility management crews have offered to water the trees in the coming summers.

Plans are being developed for planting more trees in coming planting seasons.

This collaborative project couldn't have gone any better and the campus looks much more beautiful thanks to the students hard work!

### A word from one of the Project Leaders, Chris Overton:

*“From the standpoint of the projects with which the Berkeley County Council has been involved, this project ran the most smoothly and was the most successful! No problems were encountered. Everyone was satisfied and proud of a successfully completed project!”*



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