

Moorefield Middle School

16 Trees – 86 Volunteers – 114 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Moorefield Middle School

Moorefield isn't just the home of the Yellowjackets. It is also home to 16 new sugar maples and pin oaks at Moorefield Middle School.

The project leader, teacher Paul Keplinger, worked with his classes leading up to the tree planting project to gather tools and educate the students about the project.

Personnel from WV Division of Highways generously donated their time to auger the 16 holes.

On planting day, Thursday, October 27, 2016, Cacapon Institute's Tanner Haid and WV Conservation Agency staff Suzy Campbell, Andrea Walker, and Ben Heavner showed up early to get everything ready for the students. This involved carrying all of the trees,

stakes, tubes, mulch, and other materials to each planting hole.

Two groups of students came out to volunteer for one hour each, with both groups receiving tree planting demonstrations from either Tanner Haid or Suzy Campbell.

The students worked diligently to stay on task and get the trees planted in the time they were allotted. Most of the students hadn't planted a tree before, so it was educational for them.

Another small group of students came out throughout the course of the project to take pictures for the school yearbook.



This was the second CommuniTree planting at Moorefield Middle School, the first taking place in [spring 2016](#). Together, these 32 shade trees will help reduce the amount of stormwater runoff pollution flowing into local streams in Moorefield, provide habitat for wildlife, and increase the natural beauty surrounding the track.

Congratulations to all of these hardworking students!

A word from the Project Leader, Paul Keplinger:

CommuniTree is an “excellent program which teaches the youth and provides beautification as well as shade for the track area.”



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