

Spruce Hill North HOA

16 Trees – 35 Volunteers – 104 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Spruce Hill North Subdivision

The residents at Spruce Hill North HOA know how to follow up on a successful [spring 2016](#) CommuniTree planting—with another tree planting in fall 2016!

Although the leadership changed, the community participation and number of volunteers was just as high the second time around.

Greg Cyr took over the role of Project Leader and together with Heather Field from Clagett Management organized a successful project.

The trees and planting materials were picked up from Inwood the day before the planting in a large moving truck. In addition to the 16 community trees, they also picked up 22 Carla Hardy Memorial Trees for eight

residents to plant on their private property.

On the morning of the planting, Greg and Heather, as well as Cacapon Institute staff, arrived early to get everything ready.

Once the volunteers showed up, Katherine Cooper from Cacapon Institute provided an in-depth planting demonstration. The volunteers were excited to get their trees in the ground, so once Kat finished up, they started planting.

The trees were planted along Hughs Road and included eastern white pines, sugar maples, and Japanese zelkovas. In addition to beautifying the neighborhood and increasing property values, these trees will also help reduce stormwater runoff pollution and create a nice park-like environment for kids in the neighborhood to enjoy



in the future.

The board of directors for the HOA will monitor the trees as they grow and water them during the dry summer months.

On the importance of community tree plantings, we agree with Greg that “it is events like this that really bring communities together.”

A word from the Project Leader, Greg Cyr:

“CommuniTree is fantastic, and we especially enjoyed working with Tanner Haid during our project planning, as well as Jeff Iloff and Kat Cooper on planting day. Their knowledge of the program and what is needed, as well as his frequent contact and helpful suggestions allowed the project to run smoothly.”



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