



WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Franklin Elementary School

We look forward to seeing what these great students do next!

On the day before earth day, in the small Pendleton County town of Franklin, WV, 307 students and teachers participated in a WV project CommuniTree planting at Franklin Elementary School.

The students planted sixteen trees around their new school, including around the entrance/exit vehicle loop, at the Preschool playground area, near the regular playground area, and between a storage shed and the fenced in playground area.

Each grade level of students, pre-kindergarten through 6th grade, helped for approximately 20 minutes per class and

planted 1 tree each. For each class, four project leaders from the WV Conservation Agency, WV Division of Forestry, and Natural Resources Conservation Service presented educational lessons about trees.

All of the tree holes had been pre-dug by the project leaders. On planting day, the student volunteers were responsible for planting the trees, mulching, staking, and placing tubes around each tree for deer protection. The students enjoyed the time outside learning how to properly plant trees and the teachers benefitted from finding new and exciting ways to engage their students in educational projects that also benefit the school and community.



This was the second WV Project CommuniTree planting at Franklin Elementary School. All together, a total of 40 trees have been planted through this program, including 24 trees planted in [spring 2015](#).

A word from the Project Leader, Sandra Simmons:

“The planting event was very educational and enjoyable for the students. They were very interested and involved in the project...We did not have any problems with the program!”



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