



WV Project CommuniTree Planting in Green Meadows subdivision

This is a great community and we look forward to watching their trees grow!

What a relief, the rain finally lifted and the clouds parted to reveal blue skies on planting day on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Sixteen volunteers assisted with this project to help plant sixteen trees in the small residential neighborhood in Charles Town.

This tree planting project was designed to improve the appearance of the community by adding trees to the HOA's common area to create park-like settings for neighborhood residents. Before the tree planting, these areas were lacking shade and needed some nice trees to help bolster the walking trails and pathways, as well as to provide a wind break and

reduce erosion.

Nearly all of the volunteers that were recruited to help out with the tree planting participated on planting day, which was a major feat considering the poor weather leading up to the event.

Tanner Haid from Cacapon Institute provided a planting demonstration that covered how to plant the tree properly, as well as other important information about maintenance and care of newly-planted trees. Everyone had the opportunity to learn each



part of the process, from determining the proper depth of the tree's root collar all the way to mulching and staking the trees.

According to Project Leader Lorie Collison, their community views this project as a huge success. They will appreciate the new trees even more so having taken a part in planting them.

A word from the Project Leader, Lorie Collison:

"The education about the planting process was beneficial for us going forward as to how the trees grow and what they require; how to prune, when to water and how much to water. We should all have success growing trees with our new skill set."



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