



## WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Moorefield Middle School

On a bright and sunny Thursday, April 14, 2016, students and teachers from Moorefield Middle School planted a mix of sixteen shade trees on their campus in Moorefield. Altogether, 140 volunteers assisted with this project, most of which were students.

On the day before the tree planting, personnel from WV Division of Highways augured the holes.

The sixteen trees included 8 pin oaks and 8 red maples. Both of these species, once mature, are large shade trees that will reduce stormwater runoff pollution, provide habitat for wildlife, and increase school aesthetics.

On planting day, the students were assisted by staff from West Virginia



Conservation Agency, Department of Agriculture, and Division of Highways.

Carla Hardy with WV Conservation Agency provided a planting overview along with a lesson on the importance of trees in urban settings.

Throughout the remainder of the school year, the students will be responsible for weekly watering. Once school lets out, the Project Leader will coordinate a watering schedule with WV Conservation Agency and WV Division of Highways.

### A word from the Project Leader, Paul Keplinger:

*“It was great watching kids learn by working on the project. The students were attentive and took pride in their planting. It was a great learning experience for all involved.”*





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