

National Humane Education Society

24 Trees — 48 Volunteers — 229 Hours Volunteered

WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Briggs Animal Adoption Center

On Saturday, April 16, 2016, over forty volunteers came out for the tree planting at Briggs Animal Adoption Center outside of Charles Town.

The volunteers included National Humane Education Society staff, family members, Briggs Animal Adoption Center's regular volunteers, and past adopters from the adoption center. Additionally, a group of staff members from Social Graces Ballroom Dance Studio in Berryville, Virginia participated as part of a team-building exercise.

Tanner Haid from Cacapon Institute gave an instructional presentation to the group showing how to properly plant the trees. After taking a group photo, all of the volunteers broke themselves up into small

groups and spread out among the trees to be planted.

This tree planting is part of a larger effort on the facility grounds to foster more sustainable

land management practices. In addition to the 24 trees planted through WV Project CommuniTree, the National Humane Education Society has also propagated nearly 3 acres of wildflowers for pollinators, as well as fostering more than 8 acres of grasslands in partnership with the Potomac Valley Audubon Society's [Grasslands Birds Initiative](#).



A reporter from the Martinsburg Journal also came out to cover the event. That article can be found on the Martinsburg Journal's website under the title "[Animal Shelter Wild About Nature](#)".

More photos from the event can be found on NHES's Facebook page [here](#).

A word from the Project Leader, Lindsay Varner:

"Working with CommuniTree has been a wonderful experience. Our CTree liaison Tanner Haid has been helpful and friendly every step of the way. We did not have any issues with receiving materials or assistance when needed. We all very much hope to continue working with CTree in the future"



For more information, contact the Urban Watershed Forester at CTree@CacaponInstitute.Org or by calling 540-335-0687.