



WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Olivet Cemetery

This WV Project CommuniTree planting took place on Friday, April 15, 2016, at Olivet Cemetery in the Town of Moorefield.

The 24 flowering trees were planted in cooperation with WV Division of Highways, WV Conservation Agency, WV Department of Agriculture, and the Moorefield Middle School FFA. Members of the Olivet Board of Directors participated as well.

A total of 20 volunteers—an even split of 10 students and 10 adults—participated on planting day. Additional volunteers assisted with planning the project.

Carla Hardy from the WV Conservation Agency demonstrated how the trees should be planted correctly along with a brief explanation on each of the

species, which included eastern redbuds, serviceberries, red buckeyes, and more.

WV Division of Highways dug the tree holes, saving the volunteers much time and labor. They also watered the trees thoroughly after the planting.

The students were treated to a brief history lesson on the significance of the cemetery to the community and the notable individuals who are buried there. They also got the

chance to view the civil war trenches.

This was an exciting project for the students who had the privilege to participate. Not only did they have a chance



to learn more about their community, but also the opportunity to make it nicer by planting trees and increasing tree canopy in the Town of Moorefield.

A word from the Project Leader, Harold Michael:

“Our favorite part of the planting was spending time with the kids and educating them- not only on the trees, but also on local history. We were very pleased with the entire process and look forward to applying for additional trees in the fall.”



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