



WV Project CommuniTree Planting in River Ridge subdivision

This was a very successful WV Project CommuniTree planting at River Ridge HOA in Great Cacapon on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

The community residents arrived very willing and ready to plant the new trees. There was a wonderful volunteer turnout with 17 River Ridge residents participating.

The holes for the trees were dug prior to planting day. On the morning of the planting, Frank Rodgers from Cacapon Institute led the group in a planting demonstration on the proper techniques for planting a tree. Some residents stated that this was the first formal lesson they had ever received on this topic.

The key highlights of this program for the Project

Leader Ron Skeans were the expertise and guidance provided by Cacapon Institute throughout the project, the quality of the trees, and most importantly watching the community come together to support the project.

The charitable spirit embodied in WV Project CommuniTree was definitely demonstrated when a River Ridge resident donated 10 additional pine trees to be included in this project.

This was River Ridge's first community-based project.

All of the adult volunteers



that participated in this project look forward to engaging their families and grandchildren in future tree plantings so they can learn about forest ecology.

The community was very happy to be granted this opportunity to participate in the WV Project CommuniTree program. Likewise, we look forward to working with them again in the future!

A word from the Project Leader, Ron Skeans:

“All involved felt that this project helped improve the quality of the environment within the community and upheld the community's commitment to maintaining natural surroundings. The volunteers and residents alike can enjoy the beautiful trees in the years to come and watch them grow, knowing that they were part of something bigger than themselves.”



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