



WV Project CommuniTree Planting in Spruce Hill North subdivision

“It is events like this that really bring communities together”.

This neighborhood came together on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at Spruce Hill North HOA in Charles Town to plant 16 trees along their stormwater management area.

These trees were requested for the Spruce Hill North tree planting project to reduce erosion and increase neighborhood aesthetics.

There were more than 40 volunteers, both adults and children, on planting day.

Tanner Haid from Cacapon Institute and Project Leader Danny Fanciullacci arrived early to place the trees and supplies at each hole and to get the site ready for volunteers.

Tanner Haid provided a

thorough hands-on presentation which included an overview of WV Project CommuniTree's goal to increase tree canopy through volunteerism and education, as well as a demonstration of how to properly plant a tree.

After taking a group picture, the volunteers were ready to get started!

The rain broke on the morning of planting day, which led to sunny and warm weather and a great day to get out and plant trees. Later in the day the rain returned and watered all of the newly planted trees.

This was the first tree planting and community



service project that Spruce Hill North HOA has participated in and they already have plans to participate again in WV Project CommuniTree in the future.

Danny Fanciullacci's favorite part of the tree planting was seeing all the neighbors and families come together to plant trees and make their neighborhood nicer.

A word from the Project Leader, Danny Fanciullacci:

“CommuniTree is fantastic, and we especially enjoyed working with Tanner Haid. His knowledge of the program and what is needed, as well as his frequent contact and helpful suggestions allowed the project to run smoothly. We received everything we needed and experienced no problems whatsoever. It was a very successful event.”



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