



WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Village of Washington Trail subdivision

George Washington would be proud of this neighborhood for all of their hard work!

Volunteers gathered on Saturday, May 14, 2016 to plant trees in their neighborhood outside of Kearneysville.

Over the past several years, the community has had to remove over twenty Leyland Cypresses and other evergreen trees that were installed when the community was built. Their goal for this project was to plant evergreen trees to make up for that loss of tree canopy, provide a wind and visual screen from the road, and reduce stormwater runoff pollution from the neighborhood.

A variety of species were planted, and the

volunteers were educated on the importance of biodiversity and the role it can play in protecting the neighborhood's tree canopy.

On planting day there were eight adult volunteers and two children. During the tree planting demonstration, volunteers learned about the proper technique for planting trees. Additionally, Herb Peddicord with WV Division of Forestry taught the group about the history of the WV Project CommuniTree program, which they found to be extremely interesting.

After taking a group photo, the determined group worked really well together, each taking on a different role in the planting to help finish in a timely fashion.

This was the third tree planting at Village of Washington Trail. A total of



90 trees have been planted in this community through WV Project CommuniTree, including 50 trees that were planted in [spring 2015](#) and 24 trees that were planted in [fall 2015](#).

A word from the Project Leader, Rich Westrope:

“We did not have any problems with the program. We love CommuniTree!”



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