

Hammonds Mill HOA

16 Trees – 15 Volunteers – 48 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Hammonds Mill subdivision

One, two, three, four, FIVE CommuniTree plantings at Hammonds Mill HOA!

On Saturday, October 21, at approximately 9:00am, members of the Hammonds Mill HOA board, staff from the Cacapon Institute, and residents from the community participated in the HOA's fifth CommuniTree planting.

This project was advertised on the HOA's Facebook page and by word of mouth.

At the onset of the planting, Tanner Haid from Cacapon Institute led a discussion with the residents about planting and maintaining trees. In particular, he demonstrated the depth in which a tree should be planted, as well as proper

mulching and pruning techniques. The demonstration allowed members of the community to gather information on how to properly plant trees on their property.

This project was great in bringing neighbors together to beautify the community, as well as educating them about the benefits of planting trees.

In total, there were approximately ten adults and three children that volunteered to plant trees on planting day. It took them approximately two hours to plant the 16 trees.

In addition to their CommuniTree planting, Hammonds Mill HOA also participated in Cacapon



Institute's pilot program called YourBMP. Through this program, eight homeowners purchased a combined total of 18 trees through a 50% cost-share partnership with Cacapon Institute. Recipients received large stock trees to plant on their private property.

Stories and pictures from Hammonds Mill HOA's past plantings can be found on Cacapon Institute's website [here](#).

A word from the Project Leader, Howard Ward:

"The tree planting was a success, and I believe the most memorable part for me was having my two kids help with making the neighborhood beautiful. My kids really enjoying the proper methods on how to plant trees, and now having been bugging me to buy trees to do the same around the house."



For more information, contact the Urban Watershed Forester at ctree@cacaponinstitute.org or by calling 540-335-0687.