



Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at James Rumsey Technical Institute

James Rumsey students continue their legacy of planting trees!

This was Project Leader Wayne Bennett's third CommuniTree planting at James Rumsey Technical Institute, and according to him, his favorite tree planting to date.

Before planting day, Matt Pennington from the Eastern Regional Planning and Development Council assisted Wayne and his students with developing a planting plan to disperse the trees throughout the campus.

Wayne picked up the trees from the holding facility in Inwood. A total of two trips were needed due to the large size of the trees. The students dug the holes the day before the tree planting and helped deliver

all of the materials to each hole.

The students, teachers, and community partners all did a great job of collaborating on this project that culminated with the tree planting.

On Friday, November 17, Matt provided multiple tree planting demonstrations for the students in each class.

A total of five classes participated on planting day with assistance from Wayne, Matt, and Zach Norris from Cacapon Institute.

Wayne's environmental science class will be in charge of watering and maintaining the trees over the next couple of years to make sure they become established.



In addition to planting trees this fall 2017, James Rumsey's driving instructor and one of his students helped deliver trees from Cacapon Institute's office in Great Cacapon to Moorefield and Inwood.

This was James Rumsey Technical Institute's third CommuniTree planting, with previous plantings taking place in [spring 2017](#) and [Fall 2016](#).

Great job!

A word from the Project Leader, Wayne Bennett:

"It's been great working with CommuniTree for the last three years...Hopefully the volunteers and community will benefit for years to come, not only by the visual appeal of the trees, but the many benefits from storm water management and erosion control to helping clean the air and protecting the Chesapeake watershed."



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