

Morning Dove Estates HOA

16 Trees – 31 Volunteers – 67 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Morning Dove Estates subdivision

Volunteers began arriving on tree planting day ready to plant trees under the sunny, blue skies on Saturday, October 14.

The project leader, Aaron Jewell, picked up donuts, orange juice, and water for the volunteers to keep their spirits high as they dug the 16 holes by hand.

Once all of the holes were dug, Jeff Iliff from Cacapon Institute provided a tree planting demonstration to teach all of the volunteers the right way to plant a tree and help them understand the many benefits of planting trees in our watershed.

Planting day volunteers were tasked with planting 16 trees from their CommuniTree kit, which included a mixture of hardwood trees. Tanner

Haid from Cacapon Institute was also there to assist and provide tips on how to properly plant and care for their new trees.

In total, 9 adults and 9 kids from the community participated in the planting the trees on planting day. Several more volunteers assisted with preparing for the project with Aaron.

Everyone enjoyed being outside and getting their hands dirty planting trees with friends and neighbors. Their work will definitely help beautify the community and increase tree canopy in Berkeley County.

In addition to their CommuniTree planting, Morning Dove Estates HAO also participated in Cacapon



Institute's pilot program called YourBMP. Through this program, 11 homeowners purchased a combined total of 21 trees through a 50% cost-share partnership with Cacapon Institute. Recipients received large stock trees to plant on their private property.

This was Morning Dove Estate HOA's third CommuniTree planting, following successful projects in [spring 2017](#) and [fall 2016](#).

A word from the Project Leader, Aaron Jewell:

"The planting was definitely a memorable experience and it is something we will plan on doing again in the future. The most important part to me is getting the kids out there so that they're not only learning how to plant and care for trees, but so they also learn to respect and appreciate our environment."



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