

Burlington Volunteer Fire Department

16 Trees – 30 Volunteers – 102 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department

This was the first of what we hope will be many CommuniTree plantings at the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department.

Through rain and shine (mostly rain), these volunteers worked hard and had fun planting trees on Saturday, April 22 along the community walking trail at the fire station in Burlington.

The volunteers arrived at 10:00am and began their tree planting with a demonstration from Tyler Williamson from WV Division of Forestry and Neil Gillies from Cacapon Institute.

After taking a group picture, the volunteers split up into small groups and headed out to find their own tree to plant. Once the trees were all

planted the volunteers circled back around to stake and mulch the trees.

Several volunteers stayed inside to prepare a meal for the soggy volunteers. Once everyone finished planting the trees, they all happily went inside for a great cookout with hotdogs, chips, drinks, and a homemade cake that read “Thanks for your Support!”

In total, 16 adults and 8 children volunteered on planting day, including family of the volunteer fire fighters as well as members of three local churches.

The Project Leader, Jody Bradford, has plans to use the station’s fire hoses and trucks to water the trees during the summer.

Since planting the trees, the fire station volunteers have received many compliments



on how the trees make the playground look nicer and more inviting for families.

Even with the rain, these volunteers were able to make this project truly shine.

Great work, Burlington Volunteer Fire Department!

A word from the Project Leader, Jody Bradford:

“I am not sure what or if anything could be done to make the program easier. I think this is a very well organized program and very beneficial for the community.”



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