



Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Deerfield Village subdivision

There's no stopping the volunteers at Deerfield Village HOA from planting trees and building their community "From the Roots Up!"

This was the fourth tree planting event at Deerfield Village HOA outside of Shepherdstown, following projects in [fall 2014](#), [spring 2015](#), and [spring 2016](#).

Of the 72 trees they have planted in previous projects, 60 have established and are growing to provide benefits to their community.

This spring 2017, they planted 16 new shade trees to reforest a small part of an old apple orchard, as well as 12 replacement trees to replant trees that failed to establish.

Planting day started on Saturday, April 29 at

10:00am with a tree planting demonstration from Cacapon Institute's Jeff Iliff and Tanner Haid.

Volunteers listened intently as they learned the proper way to plant and maintain trees and then worked together to plant a tree.

They then broke into smaller groups and planted the 16 shade trees. This didn't take long, and before they knew it, they were on to the next job of planting the 12 replacement trees.

It took about 2 hours for the 20 adults and 12 youth volunteers to plant all of their trees.

A videographer from the Chesapeake Bay Program



came to this project all the way from Annapolis to speak with the volunteers and learn about their connections to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed as part of their "[Chesapeake Stories](#)" series.

The HOA has plans to install gator bags around each tree to help with watering the trees in the summer.

We look forward to watching all of their trees grow!

A word from the Project Leader, Sidney Lewis:

"The number of volunteers and enthusiasm displayed made the planting a memorable occasion. Also, the help provided by the representatives from the Cacapon Institute was superb. This provided an excellent educational experience for both adults and youth."



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