



Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Day Park

Grant County Extension Service is no stranger to Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree, as they have worked with volunteers throughout Grant County in planting trees in [spring 2014](#) at Camp Echo and [spring 2015](#) at Petersburg City Park.

This spring 2017, they planted a mix of 16 different shade tree species at Day Park in Arthur on Tuesday, May 9.

To increase diversity at the park, 16 unique tree species were selected including American beech, cottonwood, katsura tree, dawn redwood, weeping willow, and more.

The holes were dug by Grant County Parks & Recreation, who also helped to pick-up the trees from Moorefield and

deliver them to the planting site the day before the planting.

4-H clubs from across the county were in attendance at the tree planting, including Petersburg Sunrisers and Lahmansville Step-Ahead Club to name a few.

Tanner Haid from Cacapon Institute explained to the volunteers how to properly plant trees and worked with the youth volunteers and their parents to plant a tree together as a group.

The volunteers then worked with their friends, family, and club-members to plant the remaining trees.



Grant County Parks & Recreation will be watering the trees throughout the summer to keep them from drying out and to help them establish a strong root system.

The youth 4-H members that participated in this project will always remember planting these trees. They have truly lived up to the 4-H motto by working “To Make the Best Better.”

A word from the Project Leader, Alexandra Coffman:

“I loved seeing the 4-H youth (and adults) learn about root collars and how to properly plant a tree. They can use this in the future when they help others plant trees and it was nice to see a sense of accomplishment after the planting.”



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