

# Moorefield High School

16 Trees – 129 Volunteers – 137 Hours Volunteered

## Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Moorefield High School and Elementary School

The high school students involved with this project were so excited to plant trees at their school that they just had to share the experience with the elementary school students next door!

This project took place over two days—May 18 & 24—at Moorefield High School and Moorefield Elementary School, respectively.

In total, 16 trees were planted—11 at the high school and 5 at the elementary school.

The high school students were involved throughout the CommuniTree process, from applying for the trees, to planning the layout, to completing the final report.

WV Division of Highways augured the holes on the morning of May 18.

Jeff Iliff and Neil Gillies from Cacapon Institute, and Suzy Campbell from WV Conservation Agency, assisted the students with learning how to properly plant and maintain the trees.

In addition to the Project Leader Gretchen Cremann and her students, there were also students from Cody Dent's Agriculture Education class that participated in planting trees.

Cody had previously assisted students with planting trees at Union Educational Complex in [spring 2016](#).

On May 24, Neil Gillies and Gretchen Cremann and her students worked with 2nd graders at the elementary school to plant the remaining 5 trees along their walking trail.



This was neither schools first experience planting trees, as high school students helped plant trees along Route 55 in [spring 2015](#) and Carla Hardy Memorial Trees in fall 2017. Moorefield Elementary School students planted trees through CommuniTree in [spring 2012](#) and [fall 2012](#).

This was a great collaborative project that all of the high school and elementary school students will remember!

### A word from the Project Leader, Gretchen Cremann:

*“All 104 students involved commented they did not know there was a proper way to plant a tree before this activity. A majority of the volunteers stated this was the first time they had planted a tree.”*



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