



## Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Morning Dove Estates subdivision

*“Building Communities from the Roots Up”* is what CommuniTree is all about. At Morning Dove Estates HOA in Bunker Hill, they understand what it takes to build bonds within their community by planting trees.

As their volunteers know, planting trees in their subdivision has the potential to increase property values, provide wildlife habitat, screen the community from wind and noise from the road, and increase tree canopy in Berkeley County.

Most importantly, volunteer tree planting events give them an opportunity to meet, mingle, and interact with each in a positive way.

Two seasons in a row, this tight-knit community has

planted trees with Cacapon Institute through CommuniTree, with the first planting take place in [fall 2016](#).

In total, they have planted 32 evergreen trees through CommuniTree, as well as 3 Carla Hardy Memorial Trees in fall 2016.

The holes were dug by the volunteers by hand on the morning of the tree planting.

Jeff Iliff from Cacapon Institute led a tree planting demonstration with the volunteers. The group consisted of 7 adults and 6 children.

Homeowners from the community will be responsible for maintaining the trees that



are behind their lots, and the HOA will mulch the trees each year and take care of other maintenance tasks.

One of the volunteers from this community is a Certified Arborist, so she'll be able to assist the Project Leader with maintenance and tree stewardship.

It will be exciting to watch these trees, and the neighborhood friendships, grow!

### A word from the Project Leader, Aaron Jewell:

*“My favorite part was being outside with my kids planting trees...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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