

National Humane Education Society

16 Trees – 28 Volunteers – 95 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Briggs Animal Adoption Center

A little rain couldn't stop these volunteers from having a great time and planting 16 trees at Briggs Animal Adoption Center on Saturday, April 22!

The volunteers at Briggs are seasoned tree planters, having participated in CommuniTree projects in both [spring 2016](#) and [fall 2016](#).

Volunteers mainly consisted of Briggs' regular volunteers who assist around the facility with walking dogs, as well as past adopters, staff, and family members of volunteers. In total, 15 adults and 6 children participated in planting the trees.

This season, they added 16 new shade and evergreen trees to their facility, bringing the total number

of trees planted with Cacapon Institute on their property to 56. To foster lots of biodiversity in their trees, Briggs has chosen to include many different species in their plantings, and to date have planted 24 different tree species in their CommuniTree plantings.

In addition to planting 16 trees this season through CommuniTree, NHES also purchased 26 large B&B eastern redbud trees to plant along their main driveway leading into the facility. These redbuds were used to replace Bradford pears that were declining in health.

Maintenance staff from NHES



will be responsible for watering the trees, adding mulch annually, and taking care of other tree stewardship tasks for all of their trees.

More photos from this planting can be found on NHES's [Facebook](#) page.

We look forward to watching these trees grow and continuing to engage great volunteers like those at Briggs Animal Adoption Center!

A word from the Project Leader, Hilary Legge:

“The best part of these tree planting projects is always the volunteers. It is always great fun to get outside and know that you are doing good for the environment.”



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