

Spruce Hill Estates HOA

50 Trees – 50 Volunteers – 103 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Spruce Hill Estates subdivision

Such a great tree planting!

The weather was perfect, the volunteers turned out in abundance, and the trees look great!

You couldn't ask for any better for Spruce Hill Estates HOA's first CommuniTree planting on Saturday, April 8th in their neighborhood outside of Charles Town.

Tanner Haid from Cacapon Institute helped them create a planting plan to plant evergreen trees along the interstate that is adjacent to their community. Ron Muir from First Energy visited the site and assessed the planting plan to make sure the trees were all planted proper distances from the distribution and transmission powerlines.

On planting day, a total of

38 volunteers showed up to assist, including 15 adults and 23 youth, 10 of whom were students from Washington High School's National Honor Society.

The community really came together over this event, with one neighbor picking up the trees and another neighbor and his daughter auguring the holes. Additionally, a neighbor provided a home-cooked lunch for all of the volunteers

Tanner gave a tree planting demonstration to cover the proper ways to plant and maintain trees to all of the volunteers.

A reporter from the Martinsburg Journal was there on planting day and ran a



story about how this [“Tree Planting Event Benefits Homeowners”](#) at Spruce Hill Estates HOA and at other communities where they plant trees with Cacapon Institute.

One of the community members acquired a 300 gallon container for watering the trees, and the HOA has plans for purchasing new mulch next spring.

All in all, wonderful job!

A word from the Project Leader, Jane Carter:

“My favorite part of the planting event was to see the young children working with their parents to plant the trees. Based on this experience, I think all the families involved will be happy to work on another project in the fall.”



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