



Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Windmill Crossings subdivision

Despite rain leading up to the event, and forecasted rain on the planting day, we had a successful tree planting at Windmill Crossings HOA outside of Charles Town on Saturday, April 1.

This was the second CommuniTree planting at Windmill Crossings HOA, coming at the heels of another successful planting in [fall 2016](#).

This spring, they planted a mix of 50 evergreen and shade trees in a previously forested area in their development.

Story goes, the trees in this area had to be removed due to poor health and structure, as well as prevalence of invasive species. The neighborhood rallied around this project, especially the people that

live near the planting site, as they missed having the shade and beauty of trees in their backyard.

Mulch was donated and delivered to this event by Jefferson County Solid Waste Authority. Heather Field with Clagett Management picked up topsoil to add to the hole for each tree.

Sixteen volunteers, including three kids, participated on planting day.

As the planting progressed, more and more people came out to help out and all of the trees were planted within about two hours.

Fortunately, the rain held off until after all the trees were planted!

A professional landscape



company has been contracted to perform the maintenance service, including weekly watering and mulching in the spring.

Another contractor has been working with the community to control weeds and invasive plants in the planting area.

Several of the residents noted how excited they were for future tree plantings on the other side of the community.

A word from the Project Leader, Heather Field:

“I think having several different tree species added interest when it came to the education...We are hopeful that the volunteers took this information back to their own properties with yard enhancement ideas in mind!”



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