



Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Deerfield Village subdivision

“Each year brings the uncertainty of not knowing what to expect from day-to-day. Each year is a memorable year because of the success through uncertainty.”

We couldn't have said it any better than Deerfield Village HOA's fearless board member and decorated Project Leader Sidney Lewis.

This project definitely had it's twists and turns, most noticeably that planting day on Saturday, October 27 was wet, wet, wet!

Fortunately, Sidney is a master Project Leader, having led [multiple CTree planting](#) in previous years.

He was able to get the word out to his volunteers that rain or shine, we would be planting trees that morning.

Sure enough, by 9:00am, there was a jubilant crowd of 30 volunteers excited to plant trees.

Cacapon Institute's Urban Watershed Forester, Tanner Haid, led a tree planting demonstration for all of the volunteers.

In addition to planting 24 evergreen trees in their common area along Kearneysville Pike, Deerfield Village also participated in Cacapon Institute's Your Community BMP program this season.

Through YourBMP, Cacapon Institute provides cost-share best management practices, like planting trees and native warm season grasses, to reduce stormwater runoff pollution



with private residents. This fall, 10 private homeowners at Deerfield Village planted a total of 27 trees and several patches of warm season grasses.

All-in-all, it was a very successful season at Deerfield Village HOA!

We look forward to continuing to work with this community and engaging their residents in tree plantings and other conservation projects!

A word from the Project Leader, Sidney Lewis:

“I don't want to say we have reach "utopia" with this project, but the knowledge and in-depth help and planning provided make it impossible to go wrong with [Cacapon Institute's] supervision.”



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