

Hammonds Mill HOA

16 Trees – 15 Volunteers – 60 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Hammonds Mill subdivision

The wind and the cold couldn't stop this brave group of dedicated volunteers from planting trees!

Tree plantings in mid-November are often impacted by the cold and windy weather.

Fortunately, the volunteers at Hammonds Mill HOA were up to the task and succeeded despite the odds in planting their trees.

Nearly a dozen volunteers left the warmth of their houses at 9:00am to help Cacapon Institute set up for this planting on Saturday, October 11.

Once all of the CommuniTree materials were laid out and the holes were prepped, the volunteers stayed warm by doing maintenance on an existing CTree planting.

The volunteers removed stakes, arbor strap, and tubes from all of the trees and fixed some of the volcano mulching that the landscapers had applied around the trees.

By 10:00am, the volunteers were ready to get underway with planting their new trees!

Tanner Haid, Urban Watershed Forester from Cacapon Institute, gave a tree planting demonstration, as well as a brief demonstration on proper tree pruning techniques. The volunteers planted all of their trees in about an hour.

In addition to planting their CTree Kit, Hammonds Mill HOA also participated in Cacapon Institute's Your Community BMP program.



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, 7 private homeowners planted a total of 9 trees in their own yards.

Hammonds Mill HOA is a champion of trees, having completed [multiple CTree projects](#) in previous seasons.

Great work, everyone!

A word from the Project Leader, Nicole Cochran:

“The education that my community member[s] gained was great, because now I have two people that want to trim the trees correctly, to save them.”



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