



## Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Keyser Primary School

Students at Keyser Primary School were eager to plant more trees with us this fall!

Following up on a successful tree planting in [spring 2018](#), the students at Keyser Primary School succeeded in planting another 24 trees on their campus on Monday, October 29.

Two week prior to the planting day, Cacapon Institute's Watershed Education Specialist Connor Roessler educated the students about trees and watersheds on Monday, October 15.

Students from the adjacent Vocational Center were instrumental to the success of this project.

Approximately 20 high school students from the Vocational Center dug the

holes prior to the planting event.

On tree planting day, around 45 Vocational Center students assisted the primary school children with setting out all of the tree planting materials and planting the trees.

The goal of this project was to plant flowering trees around the school, primarily along Route 220 to help beautify the walking trail and buffer the school from car exhaust and noise pollution.

Species planted included purple-leaf plums, American yellowwood, flowering cherry,



flowering dogwood, redbud, and serviceberry.

The school is working towards developing a maintenance plan for all of their newly-planted CommuniTree's.

We look forward to continuing to assist them in nurturing their trees and educating their students about the roles trees play in healthy communities.

### A word from the Project Leader, Connie Lyons:

*"I was very pleased when asked questions by our WV Project CommuniTree representatives how well students knew the terms and was able to answer the questions...this stemmed for our educational day."*



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