



# Berkeley County PSSD

24 Trees – 48 Volunteers – 87 Hours Volunteered

## Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Berkeley County PSSD

**“Together we can improve our environment one drop at a time.”**

The staff at Berkeley County Public Sewer Service District (PSSD) know that every drop counts and they are committed to reducing stormwater runoff and air pollution by planting trees.

This spring 2018, they planted their first CTree Kit on Friday, April 13 with a mix of 24 shade, flowering, and evergreen trees.

Over the course of the planting, PSSD staff and their families learned about the importance of trees and their impact on the environment from Matt Pennington with Region 9 and Terry Goodwin from PSSD’s MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer

System) department.

Matt and Terry discussed many topics with the volunteers, such as how to properly plant the trees, how trees act as green filters to soak up pollution, and the importance of biodiversity.

After the planting was finished, the volunteers stuck around for a cookout and enjoyed their newly planted trees, which already had birds landing on them!

As an MS4 community, the PSSD focuses on both pollution prevention/good housekeeping on their own properties, as well as public education and outreach.

These trees will help with



meeting both of those criteria, as they will reduce pollution loads from the site and also serve as an educational example of best management practices that are cost effective and attainable for public and private landowners.

This was a great first project for the PSSD and we look forward to working with them on more tree plantings, and more tree education, in future planting seasons!

### A word from the Project Leader, Terry Goodwin:

*“The planting project was very enjoyable, from planning to execution...Days and weeks later, we are still hearing about the trees in our field. Some of our employees have discussed their interest in planting trees at their own homes.”*



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