

# Jefferson County Parks & Rec

16 Trees – 26 Volunteers – 95 Hours Volunteered

## Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Sam Michaels Park

**It wouldn't be a Panhandle Earth Day Celebration without a CommuniTree planting!**

This project, which was part of the Panhandle Earth Day Celebration at Sam Michaels Park on Saturday, April 21, was a huge success.

The event kicked off with a tree planting demonstration from Herb Peddicord with WV Division of Forestry. The demonstration focused on why we plant trees and how to properly plant them so that they'll survive to provide benefits to park visitors. Most importantly, Herb placed special emphasis on how the trees will benefit the Elks Run Watershed.

In total, there were 21 volunteers that

participated in this planting, including 11 youth and 10 adults. Mrs. WV Jefferson County attended as well as an individual celebrating their birthday by giving back to their community.

This tree planting is in a highly visible area along a popular walking trail, so in addition to the environmental benefits, it will provide future shade for recreational uses of the trail.

This planting was identified as a priority area to establish landscape trees in [Jefferson County Park & Recreation's Urban Tree Canopy analysis](#) from 2015.

Jefferson County Parks & Rec has participated in multiple



CommuniTree plantings in previous years, including [spring 2014](#), [spring 2013](#), and [fall 2012](#).

They've also planted several hundred trees with Herb through the WV Division of Forestry's Chesapeake Bay Community grants.

The project leader, Terri Burhans, is working on establishing CommuniTree as an annual part of Panhandle Earth Day Celebration.

### A word from the Project Leader, Terri Burhans:

*"It was fun to see people who have never met come together and work together to make our park and our planet a better place."*





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