



Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Keyser High School

The Golden Tornados became Green Foresters for a day!

This CommuniTree planting was the continuation of a project from spring 2018. In that project, students planted a mix of 16 shade and flowering trees along the faculty parking lot area to mitigate stormwater runoff and improve the natural beauty of the school.

This spring 2018, the students planted 16 oak trees on the opposite side of the faculty parking lot to further their impact on the campus. These oak trees will also provide shade for the cross country trail that runs adjacent to the faculty parking lot.

More than 60 students volunteered to help plant trees on planting day,

which took place on Thursday, April 26.

This is not the only tree-related project the school is participating in this spring. They are also planting fifty American chestnut seeds in the school orchard and seventy evergreen trees as a windbreak near Alumni Stadium.

The importance of trees is an integrated theme that cuts across curricula. For example, Keyser High School science students have learned how to measure carbon sequestration as well as learned the importance of trees in the food cycle and habit.

The local Master Gardeners club, as well as the Keyser Rotary Club, are an integral part



of the tree planting initiatives at Keyser High School.

They will assist the students and staff in maintaining the trees throughout the summer.

Through in-classroom education and hands-on conservation, these students have truly learned what it means to *“Build Communities from the Roots Up!”*

We commend them for all of their tree planting initiatives!

A word from the Project Leader, Michael Lewis:

“I’m always awestruck when I realized our students are planting trees that they will be able to share with their children and their children’s children in time.”



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