

Olivet Cemetery Association

24 Trees – 25 Volunteers – 84 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Olivet Cemetery

“Olivet Cemetery is committed to do future plantings to enhance the beauty of the Cemetery’s historic property, and to provide environmental support to the area.”

This is a quote from Harold Michael, Project Leader extraordinaire at Olivet Cemetery.

Harold is well acquainted with the CommuniTree program, having successfully coordinated projects in [fall 2017](#), [fall 2016](#), and [spring 2016](#).

Similar to previous planting at Olivet Cemetery, this planting relied heavily on volunteers from Moorefield High School FFA.

The enthusiasm of the students for improving the environment and serving in their community was palpable.

After a tree planting demonstration from Cacapon Institute’s Neil Gillies, the students broke into small groups to plant all of the trees.

The species planted were all small flowering trees, including crabbapples, hawthorns, sweet bay magnolias, redbuds, and serviceberries.

These trees will beautify the cemetery and help to increase tree canopy in Hardy County.

Volunteers came back after planting day to install caging around all of the trees to protect them from deer browse.

To build upon their work planting trees, Olivet Cemetery



is currently pursuing the development of a long-term tree stewardship plan that will address tree maintenance, future tree plantings, and tree canopy protection.

Everyone is pleased with these projects and we look forward to continuing to work with Harold, the rest of the Olivet Cemetery Board, and the FFA students again in the future.

A word from the Project Leader, Harold Michael:

“We really enjoy the enthusiasm of the students for the community and their efforts to improve the environment.”



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