



WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Hammond's Mill subdivision

Volunteers and community members from Hammond's Mill HOA planted a mix of 50 evergreen, shade, and flowering trees in their neighborhood in Spring Mills on October 17, 2015.

Prior to planting day, Hammond's Mill HOA hired S&S Landscaping to auger the holes and CBP Enterprises to pick up the CTree Kit from Inwood.

The CTree Kit was a great mix of 22 evergreen white pines, 21 shade trees such as river birch, red oak, sycamore, and American linden, and 7 flowering trees such as eastern redbud and serviceberry.

5 adults and 3 children participated on planting day. The volunteers enjoyed planting the trees and benefitted greatly from a brief planting

demonstration presented by Kat Cooper (Cacapon Institute).

Five of the trees from this tree planting were used to re-plant trees that failed to establish from the [spring 2015 CTree planting](#) along Vestal Gap road.

The 22 white pines were planted in two parallel rows between the townhouse backyards along Casteel Drive and Beall Road on the other side of the property line. These trees will serve as a screen to block noise from the road and help make the backyards of the houses in the planting area feel more private.

The rest of the flowering and shade trees were planted



near a stormwater management pond, along a drainage ditch, and in a flat picnic area along Casteel Drive.

Once mature, these trees will provide shade, reduce stormwater, and improve community aesthetics.

This was Hammonds Mill HOA's second tree planting and we look forward to working with them again.

A word from the Project Leader, Craig Barry:

"We enjoy participating in the CTree program as a way to educate our youth, engage our neighbors and continue building an environmentally friendly development for the future. Project CommuniTree has helped us accomplish these goals."



For more information, contact the Urban Watershed Forester at CTree@CacaponInstitute.Org or by calling 540-335-0687.