



WV Project CommuniTree Planting in Deerfield Village subdivision

This was yet another very successful WV Project CommuniTree planting at Deerfield Village!

Tree planting day arrived, wet and rainy, but that didn't stop the volunteers at Deerfield Village from coming out to participate in the WV Project CommuniTree planting in their neighborhood outside of Shepherdstown on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

Together, these 15 volunteers planted a diverse mix of 24 flowering trees, including serviceberries, eastern redbuds, crepe myrtles, red buckeyes, sweet bay magnolias, and more.

Matt Pennington from Region 9 led a tree planting demonstration to educate the community on the proper methods for

planting, handling, and caring for the trees.

After the volunteers took a group picture, they broke off into small teams of 2-3 people to plant the trees.

Fortunately, all of the holes were augured before planting day arrived, so the volunteers could focus their energy on planting the trees properly.

Once all of the trees were planted, the volunteers mulched, staked, and put tubes and arbor strap around the trees. Later in the day, a final volunteer came back



and installed gator bags around each of the trees to assist with watering in the summer. The gator bags will be filled from a large cistern on the back of a local residents pick-up truck.

A total of 72 trees have been planted through this program at Deerfield Village, including projects in [spring 2015](#) and [fall 2014](#).

A word from the Project Leader, Jim Bauer:

“Everything was well done. The materials and assistance were just great. I can't think of any suggestions or improvements... I think everyone, benefitted from the education and experience.”



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