



WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Stony Run Public River Access

This was a great project!

The River Road Sodbusters 4-H Club tree planting occurred on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at 4:00 P.M. at the Stony Run Public River Access outside of Romney.

Volunteers assisted with the project for nearly two hours and were comprised of nineteen youth volunteers and thirteen adult volunteers.

Alana Hartman from WV Department of Environmental Protection presented a demonstration to the group before the planting began. She discussed all of the steps to properly plant a tree, as well as safety tips and the environmental benefits of planting trees.

All of the youth and adults thoroughly enjoyed her presentation. Some of the

adults even commented about how much they had learned and that they were not previously aware of the environmental benefits of planting trees along rivers.

After the educational demonstration, the kids and adults worked together to plant, mulch, stake, and water the sixteen trees.

Planting trees along the Potomac River proved to be a very meaningful community service project that provided hands-on learning for both youth and adults.

4-H members from the River Road Sodbusters Club will each sign up for a



maintenance week during the summer months.

Weekly maintenance will include caring for the trees by visiting the site and watering each tree, which will be done by carrying 5-gallon buckets from the South Branch of the Potomac River.

The Sodbusters anticipate wanting to take part in this type of service learning project again in the future.

A word from the Project Leader, Kelly Hicks:

“This was a fun and memorable community service project that our members and adults will remember. The adult and youth interaction that took place was especially valuable and meaningful. Many of the adults commented on how much they learned from the process. The kids learned and had fun!”



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