

National Humane Education Society

16 Trees – 14 Volunteers – 64 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Briggs Animal Adoption Center

Cold weather couldn't stop these volunteers!

While the weather was extremely cold on Saturday, November 11, we were lucky to have a sunny day with no wind which made the cold much easier to bear.

Despite the temperatures, 11 warmly-dressed volunteers participated in the project, consisting of Briggs' regular volunteers, previous adopters from the BAAC, and staff.

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, water, and donuts were provided for the volunteers, as well as gloves to use during the planting.

Prior to planting day, the NHES maintenance department staff members, Frank Fox and Thomas Hawkins, mapped out

where each tree would be placed and staked the spots across the property. Project leaders Ellen Dalgarn and Hilary Legge recruited volunteers for the event by reaching out to regular volunteers, sending out emails, and posting on social media.

Frank and Thomas dug the initial holes and placed the trees and materials beside the specified locations in the days before planting.

Jeff Iliff from Cacapon Institute began the planting by giving an instructional presentation to the group showing how to properly plant the trees. Once Jeff completed his tutorial, all of the volunteers broke up into groups of 3-4 and spread out among the trees to be planted.



The cold volunteers kept warm by planting their trees quickly and efficiently in about one hour.

This was the National Humane Education Society's fourth CommuniTree planting, with previous project taking place in [Spring 2017](#), [Fall 2016](#), and [Spring 2016](#).

More photos from the project can be found on the NHES [Facebook](#) page.

A word from the Project Leader, Hilary Legge:

“The best part of these tree planting projects is always the volunteers. Plus, it is always great fun to get outside and know that you are doing good for the environment.”



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