



Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Spruce Hill Estates subdivision

Eagle Scout hosts successful CommuniTree Planting in his subdivision!

The Project Leader, Eagle Scout Jacob Ouimet, knew he needed a lot of volunteers for the planting day, so he worked diligently to recruit volunteers from many sources.

He contacted the Future Farmers of America, National Honor Society, Boy Scouts of America, and residents of Spruce Hill Estates in search for volunteers. Additionally, he reached out to the local newspapers and engaged a professional photographer to take pictures throughout the day.

Jacob, his family, and Tanner Haid from Cacapon Institute flagged the holes several days before the

tree planting. The holes were augured by a member of the HOA and the trees were picked up by Jacob and his family.

Finally, after all of this hard work, planting day came on Saturday, November 4.

In total, around 45 volunteers assisted with planting trees.

A tent was set up with food for the volunteers donated by Billie's Café and Bakery in Ranson.

In addition to their CommuniTree planting, Spruce Hill Estates HOA also participated in Cacapon Institute's pilot program called YourBMP. Through this program, four homeowners purchased a



combined total of 8 trees through a 50% cost-share partnership with Cacapon Institute. Recipients received large stock trees to plant on their private property.

An article about the planting can be found in the [Martinsburg Journal](#).

This was the HOA's second CommuniTree planting, the first taking place in [Spring 2017](#).

A word from the Project Leader, Jacob Ouimet:

“My favorite part of this project was the planting day. It was a lot of fun. It went by fast and smooth. I had a lot of volunteers come out to help. I was told by many that they had a good time working together with others to plant trees.”



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