

Hampshire County Extension Service

16 Trees – 42 Volunteers – 60 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Hampshire Park

Who ya' gonna call? The Sodbusters!

That's who Cacapon Institute's calls when we want to plant trees in Hampshire County.

The River Road Sodbusters 4-H Club, in partnership with Hampshire County Extension Service, were instrumental in the success of this project.

The tree planting occurred in the late afternoon on Sunday, October 28 at Hampshire Park on South Branch River Road.

With such great volunteers, this planting only took about 1 hour to complete.

There were twenty-one youth volunteers and seventeen adult volunteers that assisted with planting the trees.

Jeff Iliff, Cacapon

Institute's Project Assistant, presented a demonstration to the group before the planting began.

He explained to the volunteers all of the steps they needed to follow to properly plant a tree, safety tips on using tools, and the benefits of planting trees.

Adults and youth members thoroughly enjoyed his educational presentation about the environmental benefits of planting trees in the South Branch River Valley.

After the educational demonstration, members and adults broke into smaller groups



and worked together to plant, mulch and stake their sixteen trees. This proved to be a very meaningful community service project that provided hands-on learning for both youth and adults. Everyone left the planting happy with their work and educated about trees.

The Sodbusters hosted their first CTree planting in [spring 2016](#) at Stony Run River Access.

Way to go, Sodbusters!

A word from the Project Leader, Kelly Hicks:

“All of the volunteers were able to engage in a hands-on meaningful community service project that will truly benefit the park and environment presently, as well as in the future.”



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