



## Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Elmwood Cemetery

***“Service above self” - that is the Rotary motto!***

This project was such a success because of all of the great volunteers, from many different organizations, that chose to serve their community by participating in this tree planting event.

Members of the Shepherdstown Rotary Club, as well as the Elmwood Cemetery Board of Directors, really showed their true colors and dedication to beautifying Shepherdstown during this project.

Cacapon Institute’s Urban Watershed Forester Tanner Haid, and Elmwood historian Doug Perks, gave educational presentations at two Rotary breakfast events leading up to the planting.

The goal of these presentations was to educate the Rotary members about the history of Elmwood Cemetery and how planting trees will help restore the historical appeal of the cemetery.

Additionally, we aimed to solicit support and draw in volunteers for planting day on Saturday, October 20.

These efforts paid off when planting day arrived and over 50 volunteers showed up to help!

Tanner led a tree planting demonstration for the volunteers and then they got to work.

In addition to planting the trees, several volunteers



brought weed whackers to assist the Elmwood maintenance staff with the difficult task of keeping the grass down around all of the headstones.

Multiple news outlets covered this planting, including the [Martinsburg Journal](#) and the [Shepherdstown Chronicle](#).

We look forward to working with these groups again in the future!

### A word from the Project Leader, Steve Campbell:

*“[My favorite part of CommuniTree was] seeing 50 volunteers from the community come out and beautify the cemetery. The work was easy and the rewards were many.”*





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