As part of this collaboration, CTree enhances UTC by working with citizens and communities to plant trees where they live—in their neighborhoods, along their streets and roadsides, in their parks, and at their schools.

CTree is a program of the WV Conservation Agency and the WV Potomac Tributary Team that is engaged in on-the-ground actions throughout the Potomac Highlands.

CTree and its partners invite organizations and agencies to apply for CTree Kits to organize, coordinate, and implement urban tree plantings through a competitive grant process. Groups can apply bi-annually for CTree Kits for spring and fall plantings. CTree Kits include trees in a variety of species and stock sizes, tree tubes or cages for deer protection, and mulch to foster good root growth. Successful CTree applicants will receive technical assistance from CTree partners, including WV Division of Forestry and WV Conservation Agency.
“Building Communities from the Roots Up”

CTree builds communities from the roots up by engaging citizens in education and volunteerism. In 2012, CTree engaged volunteers across the Potomac Headwaters in 21 urban tree plantings at schools, parks, road right-of-ways, and other community spaces. Together, nearly 1,400 volunteers planted a total of 726 urban trees at planting sites across the Potomac Highlands. Teachers and students, adults and youth, seasoned volunteers and first-time tree planters came together in 2012 to plant native trees in their streets, communities, and neighborhoods. It was through their dedication and hard work that CTree was able to succeed in 2012. Logging nearly 2,500 volunteer hours, these citizens exemplify what it means to build a community from the roots up.

### 2012 Quick Facts
- 21 Tree Plantings
- 726 Trees Planted
- 1,329 Volunteers
- 2,402 Volunteer Hours
- $48,987 in-kind services

### CTree Awards

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### Voluntary Highlight
Leetown Izaak Walton League

The Conservation Committee of the Leetown Chapter of the Izaak Walton League (IWL) successfully completed consecutive WV Project CommuniTree plantings in spring and fall 2012.

In spring 2012, the IWL planted 24 flowering trees with students and faculty at North Jefferson Elementary School. In fall 2012, the IWL planted 12 shade trees along the Route 9 Bike Path.

The IWL is just one of many extraordinary examples of organizations that have participated in WV Project CommuniTree and who are dedicated to protecting the environment through the proper planting and maintenance of urban tree canopy.