



## WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Deerfield Village Subdivision

Community members from Deerfield Village HOA planted a mix of 24 flowering trees in their community in Shepherdstown on April 25, 2015.

The location of each tree was marked with orange paint three weeks prior to planting. The planting was planned along the side of the road leading through the village. Two weeks before the planting, Miss Utility was called and representatives from the utility companies marked the location of underground lines.

On the Friday before the planting, a skid loader with an augur attachment was used to dig the holes. The tree planting began at 9:00am on Saturday, April 25. The trees, mulch, and stakes were moved from a

holding location to the site prior to the start of the event.

The planting day began with a presentation given to the volunteers by Matt Pennington (Region 9) to demonstrate the proper methods for planting, handling, and caring for the trees. Groups of three volunteers then finished preparing the hole, planted, and mulched each tree. Stakes were driven into the ground and the trees were tied. Gator bags which had been acquired previously were then placed around each tree. One volunteer also went to a local garden center to purchase four additional bags of mulch.

Some of volunteers stayed to water the trees after all of the trees were planted, staked, tubed, and mulched.



A hundred and fifty gallon water container was placed on a pickup truck and filled. Each gator bag was then filled with water.

A total of 21 volunteers volunteered to assist with the project. All were residents of Deerfield Village and ranged in age from ten years old to mid-sixties.

This was the second WV Project CommuniTree planting at Deerfield Village and the trees look great!

### A word from the Project Leader, Jim Bauer:

*“The number of volunteers and the enthusiasm displayed made the planting a very memorable occasion. Also the help provided by [CTree Liaison Matt Pennington] was very much appreciated.”*



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