

WV Division of Natural Resources

16 Trees – 15 Volunteers – 51 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Warden Lake

The parking lot for Warden Lake, which is owned and operated by the WV Division of Natural Resources, has been renovated in the past several years.

Despite having new parking spaces and stormwater management, no trees were planted at the time of renovation.

The project leader for this planting, Brandon Keplinger, immediately recognized the need for some trees to soften the landscape and provide shade for fishermen and other users of the lake. Locals from the area who use the lake for recreation were very supportive of the project.

Planting day started on a cool, overcast morning on Saturday, October 14.

Tyler Williamson from WV

Division of Forestry led a tree planting demonstration that covered the essentials for properly planting and maintaining trees. Neil Gillies from Cacapon Institute was also in attendance to provide insight into proper tree planting techniques and to give a background on our work with CommuniTree.

Both Tyler and Brandon's families volunteered for the morning to help plant the trees. The children all worked hard and took pride in their accomplishments.

In total, 16 new trees were planted, including six black birches, five swamp white oaks,



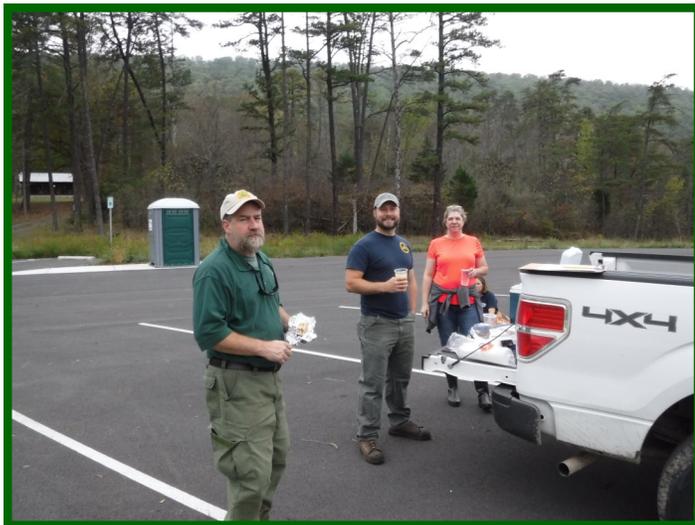
and five hawthorns.

WV Division of Natural Resources has hosted several tree plantings on their properties over the years, including projects at the [Petersburg River Access](#), [Kimsey Run Lake](#), and [Parker Hollow Dam](#).

We look forward to planting more trees with them in the future!

A word from the Project Leader, Brandon Keplinger:

"The Orange Juice and Donuts the morning of the planting were a big hit but I think the sight of kids outdoors having fun and helping to complete a community project was everyone's favorite aspect. The combination of good company and perfect weather made the day a memorable one."



For more information, contact the Urban Watershed Forester at ctree@cacaponinstitute.org or by calling 540-335-0687.