



## Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Willingham Knolls Park

### **Everything is better when group's work together!**

This is the takeaway from the amazing CommuniTree planting at Willingham Knolls Park on Saturday, May 12.

The Charles Town Parks & Recreation, whose goal is to increase tree canopy at city parks, worked closely with the Charles Town Rotary Club to coordinate this planting.

Through CommuniTree, the park was able to receive a Shade-16 CTree Kit with a mix of 16 oak trees.

In addition to these, the Rotary Club purchased 15 trees from Cacapon Institute's tree growout stations. The club reached their goal of planting one tree for every member of their club by participating in the project.

An additional 15-gallon blue spruce tree was donated for this project, bringing the total number of trees planted to 32.

Volunteers of all ages, including several children, participated in the planting day.

Tanner Haid from Cacapon Institute gave a tree planting demonstration on how to properly plant the trees.

It was wonderful seeing all of the cooperation between local entities and the enthusiasm for future partnerships in maintaining the trees in good health.

This was the 4th consecutive season that Charles Town Parks & Rec has worked with Cacapon Institute to plant CTree Kits—



including fall 2016, spring 2017, and fall 2018.

Over the next several years, the Charles Town Parks & Rec is going to shift their focus from planting trees to maintaining existing trees through volunteer work days, trainings, and inventories.

Several of the volunteers hadn't been to this park before, so they look forward to coming back and seeing their trees grow!

### A word from the Project Leader, Todd Coyle:

*"It was a lot of fun. And a sense of community was in the air. The weather was perfect. It was a good day in Charles Town!"*



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