

Thorn Spring Park 4-H Camp

16 Trees — 25 Volunteers — 89 Hours Volunteered

WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Thorn Spring Park 4-H Camp

Great job Thorn Spring Park for representing Pendleton County!

Volunteers and community members gathered at Thorn Spring Park 4-H camp outside of Franklin to plant a mix of 16 shade and flowering trees over the course of several days in November 2015.

20 volunteers, including 3 kids, helped plant the 5 river birch, 5 eastern hop hornbeam, 2 serviceberry, 2 flowering dogwood, and 2 eastern redbud trees.

To assist the volunteers, a local family dug the holes using their farm equipment. This allowed the volunteers to focus their efforts on planting the trees, installing stakes and tubes, and mulching the trees correctly.

The shade trees were all

planted along the road throughout camp in between the road and the cabins to help provide shade for campers.

The flowering trees were planted amidst a grove of trees that has lost significant canopy over the years due to Emerald Ash Borer.

The park's groundskeeper, John Simmons, who organized the project, has already developed plans for how he is going to water the trees.



A word from the Project Leader, John Simmons:

Question: What was your favorite part of WV Project CommuniTree?

Answer: "Watching people get involved. Very educational to all. Awesome."

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