

# Paw Paw School

# Orchard View Intermediate



## Schools Reinstall Grow Out Stations for Native Trees

Cacapon Institute has worked with Paw Paw School in Paw Paw, WV and Orchard View Intermediate in Martinsburg, WV to reinstall Grow Out Stations to pot native tree saplings. 267 students participated in the PHLOW Growing Native program complete with a project this spring.



Cacapon Institute led students in a joint education lessons and project day to reinforce students understanding of watersheds, trees, and the role trees play in

healthier streams. Students investigated the ability of riparian forest buffers to protect our streams.

A diversity of native tree whips were planted in pots to be added to Grow Out Stations at both schools. Almost 400 of these saplings will grow in the fenced station for a year until they are ready to be planted throughout the student's communities at the conclusion of next school year.

Students helped to remove weeds and pots with dead trees before mulching the stations and filling the area with new saplings to grow.

The Growing Native program is teaching students about the critical importance of having



trees in our communities to reduce the amount of pollution entering our streams, provide oxygen, and create habitat for wildlife.

