

Actions that pertain to the Chesapeake Bay Program's Climate Change Directive **West Virginia's Success Story: Town of Romney, Hampshire County, West Virginia**

The Town of Romney has several tree canopy and green infrastructure projects and WV is very proud of our Cacapon Institute's CommuniTree program. <https://www.cacaponinstitute.org/projects/page/4/>

The link and story below highlights this partnership and we have also provided a list of all the Town of Romney projects below this story.

<https://www.cacaponinstitute.org/projects/town-of-romney-fall-2023/>

The Town of Romney are frequent participants of the CommuniTree program. On the rainy day of October 12, 2023, Town of Romney employees planted 16 flowering trees at Depot Station Park. This planting was a continuation of one from Spring 2023 with the goal of beautifying the town's only green space.

Project Leader, Mayor Beverly Keadle described that "the Town employees who planted, worked together, enjoyed the camaraderie, the beautiful fall weather, followed planting instructions, and did a great job." It can't get much better than that!

Although the unpredictable Fall weather prevented the community from participating in the planting, they will certainly enjoy the trees at the Town's new and developing park. It was another successful tree planting in the books for the Town of Romney!

To find out how to host a CTree project like this, contact CTree@CacaponInstitute.org!



In addition WV has funded the following IIJA Projects through the **CBTrust** that are underway with the **Town of Romney**:

#20798 Birch Lane Green Infrastructure- **\$118,555**

Project Description: Identified as the Town's highest priority for stormwater management by the WV DEP and local stakeholders, this project will filter runoff from 3.3 acres of drainage area, 0.85 acres of which is impervious. Without a filtration system in place, the stormwater currently is unfiltered and straightpiped into a nearby stream which flows less than one mile into the South Branch of the Potomac River.



#22275 South Marsham Street Green Infrastructure Engineered Design \$28,500

Project Description: The purpose of the project is to generate engineered designs for green infrastructure elements to be emplaced along South Marsham Street in Romney, WV. South Marsham Street in Romney is located less than 750 meters from the Potomac River, is primarily surrounded by impervious surfaces, and is a hub for economic, cultural, and community functions and facilities. Because the area is also impacted by failing storm water management components, there are few areas in the Town of Romney that would be better candidates for the installation of green infrastructure.

#22278 Romney Phase 1 Community Greening Project \$43,886

Project Description: The Romney Phase 1 Community Greening Project will see the installation of 65 trees around the Town of Romney over the course of the project's performance. Twenty-five of these trees will be installed in the sidewalk adjacent to Main Street in the busiest part of Romney. Although these trees will be harder to install, they will provide some of the highest returns for beautification and shading for the Romney Community. The remaining 40 trees will be planted in previous surfaces around the Town under the guidance of our WV Urban Forestry department.

#23447 Bolton Street Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Design \$90,040

Project Description: This project entails the development of engineered designs and construction documents for Bolton Street, spanning nearly one mile. Serving as a crucial pedestrian connection from downtown Romney to the area's elementary school, two neighborhoods, and a future community center, it aims to enhance accessibility and connectivity. Key features include stormwater inlet upgrades, integration of Best Management Practices (BMPs), permeable paver sidewalks, and tree "bump-outs" to improve streetscape aesthetics and environmental sustainability.

WV's 2023 IIJA funds - Advancement of Partnership Forest Buffer, Urban Tree Canopy and Wetlands Goal

Romney 2023 Urban Canopy Project \$120,268

This project will see the installation of 150 age and species appropriate trees in the Town of Romney, WV. 50 of these trees will be installed in impervious surfaces such as sidewalks and parking lots in order to assist in stormwater management and biofiltration efforts. The remaining trees will be strategically placed around the Town in order to maximize the urban canopy coverage in otherwise barren parts of Romney. This effort will not only have tremendous health, and aesthetic benefits for the population of Romney, WV; but the increase in urban canopy will be specifically implemented to maximize the water filtration and water cooling effects for stormwater that flows less one mile into the South Branch of the Potomac River from any point in Romney.