Arbor Day: Rotary’s green gift

Last summer, the Pottstown Rotary Club planted a municipal nursery behind Pottstown High School. The initial planting consisted of 100 shade tree saplings.

Rotarians, aided by Pottstown High School students in the Rotary’s Interact Club, will shortly plant 20 more saplings to replace trees that didn’t make it.

Because only half the site was needed for the nursery, the other half was seeded last fall for a meadow, which is better for the environment than grass and less costly to maintain.

When the trees grow large enough, in perhaps five years, they will be transplanted for use as street trees and in Pottstown parks and on school grounds.

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DUMPING compost donated by Colonial Gardens.

Digging holes to plant the saplings.

100 NEWLY MULCHED TREES in the nursery.

SEEDING THE MEADOW next to the nursery.