

MAY 2016



LOCATION:
Dixie 407 Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Wednesday, May 18, 2016

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), The Living City Foundation, RBC Employees



Dixie 407 Park, Young Tree & Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program

RBC staff became citizen scientists for the day to participate in TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP).

Participants gained an understanding of natural spaces and the importance of a healthy diverse ecosystem while tracking the success of an ongoing restoration site at Dixie 407 Park in the Etobicoke Creek watershed.

A percentage of plant material is tagged with a unique ID number at the time of planting. Measurements are taken and general observations are recorded of this plant material. Long-term data collected through this program provides valuable input when choosing species for restoration sites and required maintenance strategies to assist with successful growth. Participants learned features of native and naturally occurring flora, fauna and invasive species identification.

These stewardship activities improve the overall health and function of the watershed and provide participants with a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urbanized environments.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Trees/Shrubs Monitored	Area Monitored (sq. m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs. Contributed
40 pcs.	~600	~20	40