

APRIL 2016



LOCATION:
Valleywood Fernbrook Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Wednesday, April 27, 2016

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, Town of Caledon

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, Town of Caledon, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)



Valleywood Fernbrook Park, PEYA Annual Planting Event

Students from Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) gathered at Fernbrook Park to participate in an annual native shrub planting. The students were given a demonstration on planting protocols to ensure quality and plant success and quickly got to work. The group also participated as citizen scientists in TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP).

Approximately 10 percent of the plants are tagged with a unique ID number, measurements are taken and general health and observations recorded. Data will be collected each year tracking success and impacts of climate change, disease, insect and wildlife browse of plant material in newly restored areas. YTMP also allows opportunities to provide the newly restored site with much needed maintenance to help ensure plant survival.

These community engagement activities allow a better understanding of the importance of greenspace. They also provide habitat for wildlife and recreational areas for local residents.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq. m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs. Contributed
Shrubs	125	190	26	80