

APRIL 2016



**LOCATION:**  
West Deane Park, Mimico Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Thursday, April 28, 2016

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
City of Toronto

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), City of Toronto, John G. Althouse Students and Teachers



## West Deane Park Native Tree & Shrub Planting with John G. Althouse Students

A group of students from John G. Althouse Middle School walked over to West Deane Park from their nearby school to participate in a native tree and shrub planting event. TRCA staff provided a brief overview of natural features in the area and the students impressed staff with their strong knowledge of watersheds and the importance of green space to both humans and wildlife.

After a demonstration on planting protocols the group worked diligently to plant 150 native trees and shrubs in the newly restored area. These plants will also be tagged with a unique ID number to be monitored through TRCA's Young Tree Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). Data collected will assist in tracking success of plant material in newly restored areas.

While planting, the group found a small DeKay's brown snake looking for warmth after emerging from hibernation.

Enhancing greenspace provides habitat for wildlife and natural areas for community residents to enjoy.



## POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (square metres)	# of Participants	Participant Hours Contributed
Trees	30	75	18	55
Shrubs	120	180		
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>55</b>