

MAY 2016



**LOCATION:**  
Valleybrook Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Sunday, May 15, 2016

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), City of Brampton, Region of Peel, Evergreen, Local Residents

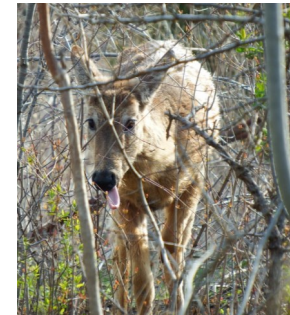


## Valleybrook Park Native Tree and Shrub Planting with Evergreen and Community Residents

Evergreen, in partnership with TRCA, attended Valleybrook Park to plant 125 native trees and shrubs in a newly restored area. Local residents donned gloves and quickly got to work planting and placing mulch mats and mulch around each piece.

The group became citizen scientists for the day to participate in TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). Through YTMP, a sample of the newly planted trees and shrubs are tagged with a unique ID number and participants measure root collar and height and width of each tagged piece of vegetation. The data is recorded on any damage to the tree or shrub caused by storm events, insects, disease or wildlife browse. Long-term data collected through this program provides valuable input in choosing species for restoration sites and required maintenance for a better chance of successful growth.

These community engagement activities allow community residents to better understand and appreciate urban greenspace and educates on the importance of healthy biodiversity.



## POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq. m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs. Contributed
Trees	20	50	7	28
Shrubs	105	160		
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>