

**SEPTEMBER 2016**



**LOCATION:**  
Bob Hunter Park East, Rouge River Watershed

**DATE:**  
Thursday, September 8, 2016

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
York Region, City of Markham

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), The Living City Foundation, York Region, TD Employees and Families



## Bob Hunter Park East, TD Corporate Native Tree and Shrub Planting

TD employees gathered at Bob Hunter Park East, a portion of the larger Rouge Provincial Park, to participate in the annual TD Tree Days native tree and shrub planting campaign. A safety talk and planting demonstration were conducted and the group quickly started planting.

Due to lack of rain this year, soil conditions are very dry making digging somewhat difficult. Despite very hot and humid temperatures, the group persevered and planted 500 native trees and shrubs within this newly restored site.

A separate group were also engaged in TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring & Maintenance Program initiative. Participants become citizen scientists and tag a portion of plant material with a unique ID number. Measurements are taken and general observations of the tree or shrub are recorded.

This program tracks success of plants and helps provide maintenance required to assist with plant survival.

These types of community 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

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq. m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs. Contributed
<b>Trees</b>	180	450	~75	225
<b>Shrubs</b>	320	480		
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>~75</b>	<b>225</b>