

SEPTEMBER 2016



LOCATION:
Dixie 407 Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Wednesday September 21, 2016

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, City of Brampton, Stanley Mills Public School Students and Teachers



Dixie 407 Park, National Tree Day Native Tree & Shrub Planting

TRCA in partnership with City of Brampton and Stanley Mills Public School students gathered at Dixie 407 Park to celebrate National Tree Day.

Approximately 80 sixth grade students participated in three educational stations to understand greenspace and the important role trees and shrubs play in an ecosystem. The group then planted, placed mulch mats and mulched 200 native trees and shrubs at this ongoing restoration site.

The group also participated in TRCA's citizen scientist Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). A portion of plant material is tagged with a unique ID number, measurements are taken and general observations recorded.

Students also learned how to identify common native trees and shrubs using TRCA's YTMP guidebook.

This type of educational and interactive exercise provides students with a better understanding of natural areas in an urban setting.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Trees	50	125	80	240
Shrubs	150	225		
Total	200	350	80	240