

SEPTEMBER 2016



LOCATION:
Wildwood Park, Malton, Mimico Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday, September 24, 2016

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Mississauga

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), City of Mississauga, Region of Peel, Local Residents, Punjabi Community Health Services (PCHS)

Wildwood Park, Watershed Wide Cleanup and Planting with Punjabi Community Health Services (PCHS)

Over 125 volunteers including local teachers, students, residents and PCHS members gathered at Wildwood Park to participate in an annual Watershed Wide Cleanup and infill planting event.

The group quickly planted 50 native shrubs and placed mulch mats around each plant. They also collected garbage, debris and cigarette butts from the planting site and surrounding area.

Wildwood Park has been impacted by invasive Asian long-horned beetle and emerald ash borer insects resulting in the controlled removal of several mature trees and shrubs. The park also has invasive vegetation control methods in place to extract dog strangling vine, garlic mustard seed and wild parsnip.

Participants also participated in TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). A portion of plant material is tagged with a unique ID number, measured and general observations are taken. While collecting data, the group were also instructed on how to identify common native trees and shrubs using TRCA's YTMP guidebook.

These types of community engagement activities educate local residents on the importance of greenspace and the value these natural spaces are to both humans and wildlife. The vegetation provides necessary habitat for local wildlife and pollinator species.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq. m)	Garbage Collected	Volunteers	Volunteer Hrs.
Shrubs	50	75	3 bags	125	375
Total	50	75	~50 lbs.	~125	375

