

MAY 2016



LOCATION:
Marie Curtis Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Wednesday, May 11, 2016

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), City of Toronto, James S. Bell Middle School Students and Teachers



Marie Curtis Park Native Tree & Shrub Planting with James S. Bell Middle School Students

A group of students and teachers from James S. Bell Junior Middle School walked over to Marie Curtis Park to participate in a native tree and shrub planting event. After a demonstration on planting protocols the group worked diligently to plant 50 native trees and shrubs to help infill the naturalized area. Their efforts were closely watched by a white-crowned sparrow.

This naturalized area along Lake Ontario has paths for walking and cycling. Unfortunately, the area is subject to short-cuts by cyclists and pedestrians causing damage to root systems and smaller vegetation. To assist in deterring people from short cuts, the group placed downed branches across the access areas. This will assist with keeping traffic on the designated paths and protect the vegetation.

These types of stewardship activities improve the overall health and function of the watershed and provides 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
Trees	10	25	18	55
Shrubs	40	60		
Total	50	85	18	55