

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

OCTOBER 2016



LOCATION:
Kennedy Valley Trail, First Gulf Blvd., Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday, October 22, 2016

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), The Living City Foundation, Region of Peel, City of Brampton, UPS Employees and Families



Kennedy Trail First Gulf Blvd., Watershed Wide Cleanup and Native Tree and Shrub Planting with UPS Employees

UPS employees and family members gathered at Kennedy Valley Sam Rayson Trail to participate in a native tree and shrub planting and cleanup. UPS is committed to enhancing greenspace and presented The Living City Foundation with a cheque for \$26,000.00 to assist with enhancing greenspace in the GTA.

Participants were given a safety overview, planting demonstration and quickly got to work planting 500 native trees and shrubs. The group also collected garbage and litter throughout the site as they planted. Items collected included plastics, food wrappers, bottles, vehicle parts, signs and other items weighing approximately 75 lbs. Removing this litter will help prevent contaminants entering nearby Etobicoke Creek and compromising water quality for both humans and wildlife.

This site will also be part of TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program. A portion of plant material is tagged 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 strategies required to assist with plant survival.

The participants are to be commended for their attention to quality in planting and staying to ensure all pieces were planted. These community engagement activities allow a better understanding of natural spaces and the importance of diverse ecosystems with urban settings.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq. m.)	Garbage Collected	# of Participants	Participant Hrs. Contributed
Trees	150	375	8 bags	45	135
Shrubs	350	525	~75 lbs.		
Total	500	900	~75 lbs.	45	135