

OCTOBER 2016



LOCATION:
Bob Hunter Park East, Rouge River Watershed

DATE:
Sunday October 15, 2016

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
York Region, City of Markham

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



Bob Hunter Park East Native Tree and Shrub Planting with TD Employees

A third fall group of TD employees and family members attended Bob Hunter Park East, a portion of the larger Rouge Provincial Park.

The group were given a safety talk, planting demonstration and got underway to plant 500 pieces of plant material to develop a hedge row along the newly created pedestrian path.

The soil is very compacted at this site creating challenging digging conditions. TRCA staff provided assistance by using an auger to loosen the soil. Participants were then able to more easily plant each piece. The group also placed mulch around each piece of plant material to assist with growth success.

This plant material will also be part of TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring & 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.

Throughout the day, hawks including a red-tailed as pictured, were seen both in the surrounding tree line and flying overhead. This type of greenspace enhancement provides habitat for wildlife and allows residents to gain a better appreciation of natural spaces.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq. m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs. Contributed
Trees	135	340	~70	210
Shrubs	365	550		
Total	500	890	~70	210