

MAY 2017



LOCATION:
Berisford Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Thursday May 11, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Credit Valley Conservation, Region of Peel, City of Brampton, David Suzuki Secondary School students



Berisford Park YTMP Education Field Day with David Suzuki Secondary School

TRCA in partnership with Credit Valley Conservation and the City of Brampton conducted an educational field day with grade nine students from David Suzuki Secondary School at Berisford Park.

The school adopted this park several years ago and has been conducting educational environmental activities. This year they introduced TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP) as a new dimension to their appreciation for this special outdoor space.

Students were engaged as citizen scientists to conduct YTMP where they tagged plants with a unique ID number, measurements are taken and general observations recorded. Data collected through this program provides valuable input in choosing species for restoration sites and required maintenance strategies to assist with growth success.

Participants removed invasive vegetation by collecting three large garbage bags of garlic mustard and a large pile of buckthorn from the site as part of site maintenance.

Activities of this nature provide students with a better understanding of natural spaces within urban environments and assists in improving the overall health and function of the watershed.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Monitored	# of Pieces Monitored	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Native Trees & Shrubs	63	105	420
Total	63	105	420