

**MARCH 2017**

## Tommy Thompson Park, Citizen Scientist YTMP Program

The Envirothon Team from University of Toronto Schools, an independent day school affiliated with University of Toronto, came to Tommy Thompson Park (TTP) to participate in a day of environmental fun and learning with TRCA staff by engaging in TRCA's Young Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP).

YTMP involves tagging a percentage of plant material at restoration sites with a unique ID number and collecting data to track maintenance needs and plant health and success.

At TTP's Peninsula "C" the group were engaged in; plant identification, collecting measurements and general observations of vegetation and recording impacts related to insect infestation, disease, wildlife browse and damage related to storm events.

Data collected through the YTMP provides valuable input in choosing species for restoration sites and required maintenance strategies to assist with growth success.

Maintenance also included engaging in TRCA's Watershed Wide Cleanup campaign by removing trash and litter from the surrounding area to help prevent contaminants from entering nearby waterways.

These community engagement activities provide participants with a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urbanized environments.

### POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Total Area Enhanced (square metres)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
30	9	120



**LOCATION:**  
Tommy Thompson Park, Waterfront

**DATE:**  
Friday March 10, 2017

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
City of Toronto

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), University of Toronto Schools

