

MAY 2017



LOCATION:
Tommy Thompson Park, Lake Ontario Waterfront Watershed

DATE:
Wednesday May 31, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), The Living City Foundation, City of Toronto, OMERS Employees



Tommy Thompson Park, Herbaceous Planting with OMERS Employees

TRCA staff worked with employees from OMERS at Tommy Thompson Park in activities to help raise awareness and create habitat for declining pollinator species.

The planting took place around a newly constructed wetland site "Cell 2". There are three cells at TTP that were created to contain the contaminated materials dredged from the Keating Channel and the Inner Harbour. Cell 1 was filled to capacity in 1985 and has since been capped to isolate the contaminated sediments, and a wetland was created above. Cell 2 covers an area of approximately 9.5 acres and has been recently capped with clean fill to physically and biologically isolate the contaminated sediment from the ecosystem. Through ongoing restoration efforts by staff and the community, Cell 2 will be transformed into a coastal hemi-marsh ecosystem to restore fish and wildlife habitat to the area.

Employees from OMERS planted 500 pieces of native wildflowers on site providing much needed habitat for declining pollinator species. Participants were educated on the unique history of Tommy Thompson Park and some of the important restoration projects and wildlife monitoring that occur throughout the area. They also participated in an interpretive hike and learned about native local wildlife that inhabit the area, impacts of invasive carp species and other environmental threats to the area.

These engagement activities improve the overall health and function of the watershed and provide participants with a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urbanized settings.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (square meters)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Native Wildflowers	500	40	~40	120

