

JULY 2017



LOCATION:

Tommy Thompson Park, Lake Ontario Waterfront Watershed

DATE:

Thursday July 13, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:

City of Toronto

PARTNERS:

Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), The Living City Foundation, City of Toronto, RBC Employees



Tommy Thompson Park, Environmental Day with RBC Employees

TRCA staff and employees from RBC participated in an Environmental Day at Tommy Thompson Park. Activities included; planting 200 native wildflowers, an educational hike and an introduction to plant identification through TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP).

The wildflower planting took place around a newly constructed wetland site "Cell 2", one of three cells at TTP that were created to contain contaminated materials dredged from the Keating Channel and the Inner Harbour. 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 the City of Toronto, TRCA 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 RBC planted 200 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, 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 metres)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Native Wildflowers	200	20	10	30