

APRIL 2017



LOCATION:
Victory Park, Mimico Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday April 22, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Mississauga

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, City of Mississauga, Councillor Carolyn Parrish, Local Residents



Victory Park, City of Mississauga Earth Day Native Tree and Shrub Planting

TRCA in partnership with City of Mississauga (CoM) hosted two Earth Day plantings at Garnetwood and Victory Parks. This initiative was held at eleven locations throughout CoM in celebration of Earth Week, Canada's 150th Anniversary and CoM's One Million Trees Program.

After a welcome and a planting demonstration to ensure quality, participants planted 150 native trees and shrubs and placed mulch mats and mulch around each piece.

Councillor Parrish brought much needed snacks and refreshments and inspired the volunteers to a strong finish.

A group of participants were engaged as citizen scientists to conduct TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). A percentage of plants are tagged with a unique ID number, measurements are taken and general observations recorded. Each year data will be collected and maintenance performed to track success of the plants. This information provides valuable data on effects from storm events, insect infestation, disease and wildlife browse, to allow planners to ensure best management practices within urban restoration site.

Activities of this nature allow residents to be involved in improving the overall health and function of the watershed and provides a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urbanized environments.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (square metres)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Trees	20	50	43	129
Shrubs	130	195		
Total	150	245	43	129