

# Wonderful Watershed Moments!

**OCTOBER 2017**



**LOCATION:**  
Edward Scarlett Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Monday October 16, 2017

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Region of Peel, City of Mississauga

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Partners in Project Green (PPG), Region of Peel and Greater Toronto Airport Authority employees



## Edward Scarlett Park, Greater Toronto Airport Authority Employees Planting

TRCA staff worked with Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) employees to help deliver community based restoration activities along the Etobicoke Creek Valley. This area is part of a multi-year restoration effort that began in 2009 as part of the larger West Etobicoke Creek Restoration Project.

Participants were educated on local wildlife, environmental hazards such as ticks and the importance of maintaining healthy valley lands and naturalized spaces. The enthusiastic group planted 55 native trees and shrubs to enhance this natural corridor. Rodent guards were placed on the newly planted vegetation to help mitigate wildlife browse.

A portion of plant material will be tagged with a unique ID number as part of TRCA's Young Tree Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). This initiative engages citizen scientists to collect tree measurements, record general observations, provide necessary maintenance and track success to assist with plant survival.

Participants joined in on a nature hike to view results of these efforts over the past few years, which are showing positive success with healthy native vegetation communities being established and abundant wildlife sightings throughout the site.

These community 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 environments.



### POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (square metres)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Native Trees & Shrubs	55	82.5	14	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>42</b>