

**OCTOBER 2017**



**LOCATION:**

Groewood Park, Humber River Watershed

**DATE:**

Thursday, October 12, 2017

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**

York Region, Town of Richmond Hill

**PARTNERS:**

Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), York Region, Richmond Hill, Brookfield Global Integrated Solutions (BGIS) Employees



## Groewood Park Native Tree and Shrub Planting with BGIS Employees

BGIS employees joined TRCA staff at Groewood Park in Richmond Hill to participate in a community based restoration activity.

This park is located in the Humber River Watershed, a Heritage River as designated by the Canadian Heritage Rivers System in 1999, for its significant cultural and recreational contribution to the development of Toronto and surrounding area. The Humber River watershed encompasses 911 square kilometers and is home to 755 species of plants, 42 species of fish, and over 185 animal species.

The group were given a safety talk followed by a planting demonstration and got underway to plant 255 pieces of native trees and shrubs. They also placed mulch mats, mulch and tree guards around each plant.

Participants also took on the role of citizen scientist and assisted staff with data collection for TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). This information provides valuable input on effects of storm events, insect infestation, disease and wildlife browse on the newly planted vegetation allowing planners to plan maintenance strategies and track success within urban restoration sites.

This type of greenspace enhancement and community engagement opportunity provides habitat for wildlife and allows residents to gain a better appreciation of natural spaces.



### POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (square metres)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Trees	50	125	~60	180
Shrubs	205	310		
<b>Total</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>~60</b>	<b>180</b>