

OCTOBER 2017



LOCATION:

William Foster Memorial Park, Humber River Watershed

DATE:

Wednesday October 4, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:

York Region, City of Vaughan, Village of Kleinburg

PARTNERS:

Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), York Region, Kleinburg Public School Students and Teachers and Local Residents Group "Old Boys Club"



William Foster Memorial Park, Native Tree and Shrub Planting with Kleinburg PS

A large group of 90 Students from Kleinberg Public School along with members of Kleinburg's "Old Boys Club" joined TRCA staff at William Foster Park to participate in a native tree and shrub planting to enhance local greenspace.

The group were given a safety talk and a planting demonstration to ensure quality and quickly got underway to plant 120 native trees and shrubs place mulch mats around each piece.

A group of students also became citizen scientists to assist staff collect data for TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). Through this program a percentage of plants are tagged with a unique ID number, measurements are taken and general observations recorded. For a period of three to five years data will be collected and maintenance performed to track success of plants. This data is used to track health, monitor effects of storm events, wildlife browse, disease of plants and plan maintenance strategies for successful growth.

Activities of this nature allow participants 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
Native Trees	25	65	90	270
Native Shrubs	95	145		
Total	120	210	90	270