

AUGUST 2017



LOCATION:
North Hill Park , Humber River Watershed

DATE:
August 11 and 23, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, Town of Caledon

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, Town of Caledon



North Hill Park, Site Prep for Community Based Restoration Projects

TRCA staff prepared a site in North Hill Park located behind the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness for future community based restoration activities.

Combating wildly invasive thistle, burdock and teasel, staff were able to pull invasive plants and mow an area in preparation for a native species planting in partnership with Town of Caledon in the fall of 2017. Staff used line trimmers, a brush-mower, extractagators and loppers to remove a large quantity of invasive species , then covered the area with a high grade landscape fabric to smother and scorch any invasive seedbed left behind.

These works are part of the second phase of re-naturalizing this area. A similar site preparation and community planting had been completed in this location in the fall of 2016. The majority of the native trees and shrubs planted last year are thriving despite the competition from invasive species.

TRCA staff also conducted a Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign activity at this site collecting 4 large garbage bags full of litter, consisting primarily of water bottles and other plastics. It is important to remove and dispose of these items into proper recycling facilities, as plastics do not break down easily and remain in the natural environment for many years. These items contribute to contamination of soils, degrade local water bodies and negatively affect wildlife when they are mistaken for food and ingested.

Staff are looking forward to continuing momentum with future plantings to transform this greenspace into a healthy naturalized area.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Activity	Weight of garbage collected (lbs)	Total Area Enhanced (square metres)	# of Staff	Staff time (hrs)
Site Prep	4 lg Bags	300	5	60
Total	50	300	5	60