

SEPTEMBER 2017



LOCATION:

Boyd Conservation Area , Humber River Watershed

DATE:

Saturday September 16, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:

York Region, City of Vaughan

PARTNERS:

Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), City of Vaughan, Ahmadiyaa Muslim Women Association Canada - Maple Chapter, Deb Schulte MP for King-Vaughan



Boyd Conservation Area Planting with Ahmadiyaa Muslim Women Association Canada - Maple Chapter

TRCA in partnership with MP Deb Schulte and the Ahmadiyaa Muslim Women Association Canada - Maple Chapter, held a native tree and shrub planting at Boyd Conservation Area. The objective of this planting was to revegetate an important section of riparian corridor along the Humber River following the installation a new bridge over the watercourse.

The extremely challenging digging conditions were met with enthusiasm as the group overcame obstacles to plant all 100 pieces. The group also took on the role of citizen scientist and assisted staff with collection of 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. 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 assist staff with maintenance and development of urban restoration sites.

Once the planting and monitoring activities were completed, participants were led on a guided walk throughout a portion of Boyd CA to learn more about the park and its environment.

Community based restoration activities of this nature allow participants to be involved in improving the overall health and function of the watershed and provide 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
Shrubs	100	150	26	90
Total	100	150	26	90