

MAY 2017



LOCATION:
West Deane Park, Mimico Creek Watershed

DATE:
Sunday May 28, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), City of Toronto, Local Residents



West Deane Park, Native Shrub Planting with Local Residents

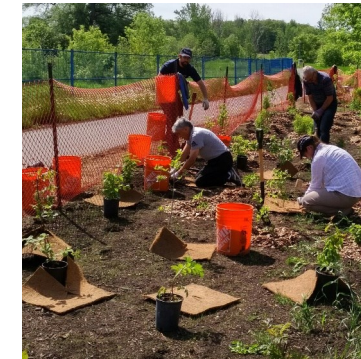
TRCA joined local residents at West Deane Park in Toronto to participate in a community restoration project. This planting occurred in an area alongside Mimico Creek, which is the site of a TRCA stabilization project due to creek bank erosion.

Participants were educated on the impacts of storm events causing erosion and important role vegetation plays in assisting with stabilization of soils along the creek.

Participants also learned of local wildlife, ticks and other environmental hazards and the importance of maintaining vegetated riparian buffers and healthy vegetation within valley lands.

Residents and staff planted 150 native shrubs and a portion of the plant material was tagged with a unique ID number as part of TRCA's Young Tree Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). This initiative engages citizen scientists to measure and collect data of plant material to track success and help provide maintenance required to assist with plant survival.

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
Shrubs	150	225	12	26
Total	150	225	12	26