

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

SEPTEMBER 2017



LOCATION:
Victory Park, Mimico Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday September 23, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Mississauga

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Living City Foundation, Peel Region, City of Mississauga and TD Employees



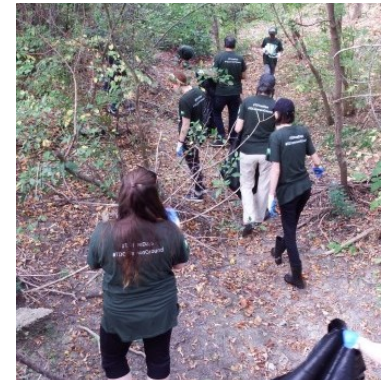
Victory Park, TD Employees and Families Native Tree and Shrub Planting

TD employees joined TRCA staff at Victory Park in Mississauga to participate in a community based restoration project. Victory Park is a small pocket of greenspace within the Mimico Creek watershed that is heavily urbanized and is very valuable to the local community.

After a welcome and a planting demonstration to ensure quality, participants planted 450 native trees and shrubs and placed mulch mats and mulch around each piece. Participants also collected garbage and debris from the surrounding area preventing the contaminants from entering the naturalized areas and creek.

A group of participants were engaged as citizen scientists to conduct TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). 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 the plants. This information provides valuable data on effects from storm events, insect infestation, disease and wildlife browse and to allow planners to ensure best management practices within urban restoration sites.

Activities of this nature allow residents 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 (sq.m.)	# of Garbage Bags (lbs)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Native Trees & Shrubs	450	600	7 bags	90	270
Total	450	600	83.7 lbs	90	270