

**SEPTEMBER 2017**



**LOCATION:**  
West Deane Park, Mimico Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Sunday September 24, 2017

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
City of Toronto

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



## West Deane Park, Native Tree and Shrub Planting with TD Employees

TD employees joined TRCA staff at West Deane Park in Toronto to participate in a community restoration project. The objective of this event was to plant and revegetate a section of riparian corridor along the Mimico Creek following the completion of a TRCA bank stabilization project.

The group were given a safety talk, planting demonstration and got underway to plant and mulch 300 native trees and shrubs. Participants also learned of local wildlife, ticks, other environmental hazards and the importance of maintaining vegetated riparian buffers and healthy vegetation within valley lands.

A group of participants were engaged as citizen scientists to conduct 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 the plants. This information provides valuable data on effects from storm events, insect infestation, disease and wildlife browse, to allow planners to ensure best management practices within urban restoration site.

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
Native Trees & Shrubs	300	450	60	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>180</b>