

OCTOBER 2017



LOCATION:
Bob Hunter Memorial Park East, Rouge River Watershed

DATE:
Sunday October 15, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
York Region, City of Markham

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



Wonderful Watershed Moments!

Bob Hunter Memorial Park East, Native Tree and Shrub Planting with TD Employees

TRCA hosted a large group of TD employees and family members at Bob Hunter Memorial Park East to plant native trees and shrubs. This park is a part of Rouge National Park which is Canada's largest urban park.

Once fully established, Rouge National Urban Park will be 22 times larger than Central Park in New York spanning 79.1 square kilometers. It is comprised of a rich assembly of natural, cultural and agricultural landscapes with many remarkable features, including:

- over 1,700 species of plants and animals;
- has one of the region's largest marshes;
- provides hiking and cycling opportunities;
- has a history dating back over 10,000 years; and
- includes some of Canada's oldest known Indigenous sites and villages.

The group were given a safety talk, planting demonstration and got underway to plant 500 pieces of native plant material to reforest the area and develop a buffer along a newly created pedestrian path.

Participants also took on the role of citizen scientist and assisted staff with data collection for TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP).

This type of greenspace enhancement and community engagement opportunity provides habitat for wildlife and allows residents to gain a better appreciation of natural spaces.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (square metres)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Native Trees & Shrubs	500	950	40	120
Total	500	950	40	120