



**LOCATION:**  
Bob Hunter Memorial Park East, Rouge River Watershed

**DATE:**  
Saturday October 28, 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 to enhance an area with native trees and shrubs at Bob Hunter Memorial Park East. This area of park is an extension of Rouge National Park, 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. Features of this park include: more than 1,700 species of plants and animals, one of the region's largest marshes, has multiple hiking and cycling opportunities and a history dating back over 10,000 years.

Following a safety talk and planting demonstration, the group planted 225 native trees and shrubs to create a natural buffer along a newly created pedestrian pathway.

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). A percentage of plants are tagged with a unique identification number, measurements are taken and general observations recorded for a period of three to five years. This valuable information allows maintenance strategies to be developed, tracks damage from storm events, wildlife browse, insects and disease and provides data on successful growth.

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	400	~500	55	110
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>~500</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>110</b>

