



LOCATION:
Bob Hunter Park East, Rouge River Watershed

DATE:
Tuesday September 19, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Markham

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



Wonderful Watershed Moments!

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

A large group of TD employees and family members joined TRCA staff at Bob Hunter Park East to take part in a native tree and shrub planting along a portion of the larger Rouge Provincial Park.

The group were given a safety talk, planting demonstration and got underway to plant 450 pieces of native plant material to develop a buffer along the newly created pedestrian path. The group also placed mulch around each piece of plant material to help maintain moisture around the root system and manage competing vegetation.

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). 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 information on effects from storm events, insect infestation, disease and wildlife browse, to assist staff with maintenance strategies and development of urban restoration sites.

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	450	675	90	360
Total	450	675	90	360