

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

APRIL 2018



LOCATION:
Allison's Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday April 21, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Mississauga, Region of Peel

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), City of Mississauga, Local Residents



Allison's Park, Community Earth Day Native Tree & Shrub Planting

TRCA in partnership with City of Mississauga hosted an Earth Day community based restoration project at Allison's Park as part of Mississauga's One Million Trees campaign.

After a welcome from Councillor Chris Fonseca, safety talk by TRCA staff and a demonstration on planting protocols, the group planted and mulched 200 native trees and shrubs to enhance the park area.

Several participants took on the role of citizen scientist to help collect data for TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). Monitoring and maintenance of newly restored sites is undertaken over a three year period to measure and record general health and observations of new plants. This information allows maintenance strategies to be put into place to assist with successful growth, manage invasive vegetation, track impacts of insect infestation, and disease and effects from storms.

Engaging local residents and community groups in enhancing natural areas provides a better understanding to the importance of greenspace. It also educates on the value of maintaining these areas through litter cleanups and returning to collect data on health and success of plants at the site.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Trees	55	140	100 +	300
Shrubs	145	220		
Total	200	360	100 +	300

