

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

June 2018



LOCATION:
Wet `n` Wild Toronto, Humber River Watershed

DATE:
Friday June 1, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Brampton, Region of Peel

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Region of Peel, Darcel Avenue Senior PS and Wet `n` Wild Toronto.



Wet `n` Wild Property, Community Based Restoration with Darcel Avenue Senior PS

TRCA in partnership with Wet `n` Wild Toronto hosted a community based restoration planting on lands surrounding Wet `n` Wild, with a group of enthusiastic students from Darcel Avenue Senior Public School.

After a safety talk and demonstration on planting protocols provided by TRCA staff, 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 in place to assist with successful growth, manage invasive vegetation, track impacts of insect infestation and disease and effects from storms.

Wet `n` Wild management staff Susan Kruizinga and Steve Mayer, thanked the students for their contributions and generously provided lunch and free passes for a future visit to the park.

Activities of this nature engage participants in improving the overall health and function of the watershed and provide a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urbanized environments.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Trees	50	~125	50	100
Shrubs	150	~375		
Total	200	~500	50	100

