

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

MAY 2018



LOCATION:
Heathercrest Park, Mimico Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday May 26, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Toronto, City of Toronto

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



Heathercrest Park Community Based Restoration, Native Tree and Shrub Planting with City of Toronto and Local Residents

TRCA in partnership with the City of Toronto, Scouts Canada and enthusiastic local residents, hosted a community based restoration planting at Heathercrest Park in the Mimico Creek watershed.

Over 100 participants attended the site where TRCA staff gave a warm welcome, safety talk and a planting demonstration to ensure quality. Participants enthusiastically got underway to plant 250 native trees and shrubs, placing mulch mats and mulch around each piece.

Participants also took on the role of citizen scientist to assist staff in collecting data 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 plants. This data is used to track health, monitor effects of storm events, wildlife browse, disease of plants and plan maintenance strategies for successful growth.

Cindy Paget of Scouts Canada had this to say: "Its wonderful! Scouts have been planting trees for a long time. The nice thing about this one, is its close to home. We are helping our community. That is the important part".

Community member Lynn Yawney added this: "I am thrilled with the turnout. It shows that people really do care about their parks".

Activities of this nature engage participants to be involved 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	~ 100	300
Shrubs	200	300		
Total	250	425	~ 100	300

