

# Wonderful Watershed Moments!

SEPTEMBER 2018



**LOCATION:**  
Shelby Woods Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Saturday September 8, 2018

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Region of Peel, City of Mississauga,

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), City of Mississauga, Aboriginal Elder Cat Criger, Councillor Fonseca, Local Residents



## Shelby Woods Park, Restoration Project and Trail Opening Celebration

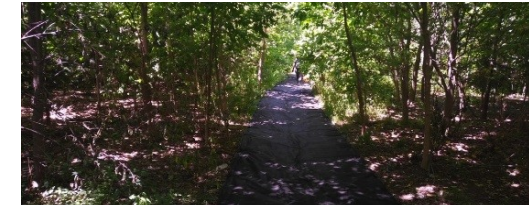
TRCA in partnership with City of Mississauga participated in a community celebration, maintenance activity and trail opening at Shelby Woods Park.

The purpose of this event was to celebrate the completion of a multi-year restoration project and enhancement of a trail in the park. This site is a very successful urban enhancement project that began several years ago. Plant material is well established with robust growth and minimal plant loss.

The day began with a welcome and smudging ceremony, tobacco offering and Thanksgiving address by Aboriginal Elder Cat Criger, reminding listeners to be aware and enjoy all nature has to share.

After a warm welcome from Councillor Chris Fonseca and City of Mississauga representative, TRCA staff led members of the public through the park on a guided nature hike. Following the hike, participants were given an opportunity to participate in hands-on invasive species management and tree health monitoring activities.

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 Monitored	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Invasives removed
Shrubs	17	42	31	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>

