

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

NOVEMBER 2018



LOCATION:
Goodwood Community Centre, Duffins Watershed

DATE:
Saturday November 10, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Town of Uxbridge

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Town of Uxbridge, Ward 1 Councillor Pamela Beach, Ward 3 Councillor Dave Barton, Uxbridge Watershed Advisory Committee, Local Residents



Goodwood Community Centre, Community Based Restoration Activities with Local Residents

TRCA Staff were joined by local Councillors Pamela Beach and Dave Barton, members of the Uxbridge Watershed Advisory Committee and local residents at the Goodwood Community Centre to enhance an area with native trees and shrubs.

Land surrounding the Community Centre was previously used as farmland but was recently designated as a future recreational area with hiking trails, a kettle pond, and other features.

Despite the windy weather and fresh snowfall, the group planted 120 native trees and shrubs. Participants also installed two bird box structures which act as nesting habitat for local songbirds in the area.

TRCA staff also collected data for TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). Through YTMP, a representative sample of plant material are tagged with a unique ID number, measurements are taken, and general observations recorded over a period of three to five years. Data collected through YTMP is used to help track success and health of the plants. This information provides valuable input in choosing maintenance strategies to achieve optimal success of the planting site.

Engaging the public in planting activities allows them to learn the strategies and maintenance needed for plant material to survive. Activities of this nature allow participants to be involved in improving the overall health and function of the watershed and provides a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Trees	50	125	16	48
Shrubs	70	105		
Total	120	230	16	48



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