

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

OCTOBER 2018



LOCATION:
Manitou Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Friday October 26, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), The Living City Foundation, TD Bank Employees



Manitou Park, Community Based Restoration with TD Bank Employees

TRCA in partnership with Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation and TD Bank employees participated in community based restoration activities at Manitou Park as part of TD Tree Days.

Manitou Park is located in Brampton in the Etobicoke Creek Watershed. Etobicoke Creek meanders through large urbanized areas in Toronto, Mississauga and Brampton. More than half of the total length of Etobicoke Creek has been altered by humans, and the entire system has been changed by urbanization resulting in lower quality and diversity of both land and water habitat for fish, animals and birds.

In recent years, municipalities have restructured parks management to create buffers along creek edges by planting native trees, shrubs and wildflowers, extending mowed areas and expanding natural areas. These buffers assist in preventing pollutants and contaminants entering the waterbody.

Participants were educated on local wildlife, tick safety, environmental hazards and the importance of maintaining upland greenspace. The group planted 300 native trees and shrubs, placing mulch mats and mulch around each piece.

These community engagement activities improve the overall health and function of the watershed and provide participants with 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
Native Trees & Shrubs	300	475	25	75
Total	300	475	25	75

