

# Wonderful Watershed Moments!

SEPTEMBER 2018



**LOCATION:**  
Tuxedo Court, Highland Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Saturday September 15, 2018

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Toronto, District of Scarborough

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Living City Foundation, TD Bank Employees and Families and Local Residents



## Highland Creek Community Based Restoration and Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign for TD Tree Days

TD Bank employees, family members and local residents gathered at the valley lands adjacent to Tuxedo Court in Scarborough to celebrate TD Tree Days and participate in community based restoration activities.

This site is located along a stretch of the Highland Creek that runs through an industrial area of Scarborough. Participants planted in a riparian area that will help filter contaminants that are carried to the local waterbody from paved surfaces during storm events and provide food and habitat for native wildlife.

TRCA staff provided a safety talk and planting demonstration to ensure quality and allow for best plant survival and the group quickly got underway planting 450 native trees and shrubs. A group of participants were engaged as citizen scientists to collect data for TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program. Through YTMP, a representative sample of plant material is tagged with a unique ID number, measurements are taken and general observations recorded. Data collected allows maintenance strategies to be put in place to track success of vegetation for a period of three to five years at restoration sites.

Participants also participated in TRCA's Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign and removed more than 400 lbs. of litter and illegally dumped household garbage and construction waste.

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.)	Garbage Collected (lbs)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Trees & Shrubs	450	640	437 lbs	~60	~180
<b>Total</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>437 lbs</b>	<b>~60</b>	<b>~180</b>

