

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

SEPTEMBER 2018



LOCATION:
Black Creek Community Farm, Humber River Watershed

DATE:
Saturday September 29, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Living City Foundation, City of Toronto, Black Creek Community Farm, TD Bank Employees and Families



Black Creek Community Farm, Community Based Restoration with TD Bank Employees and Families

TRCA partnered with TD Bank to deliver community based restoration activities at Black Creek Community Farm as part of TD Tree Days.

Black Creek Farm is a unique eight-acre property boasting a community farm, heritage farmhouse, barn and diverse forest surrounding the Black Creek ravine in a densely populated urban environment.

TD Bank employees and their families were given a planting demonstration to ensure quality and allow for best plant survival and quickly got underway planting 600 native trees and shrubs. A group of participants were engaged as citizen scientists to conduct TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). 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 and track success of vegetation for a period of three to five years.

After assisting TRCA staff with YTMP monitoring, a TD Bank employee said; "I really enjoyed learning about the science of monitoring the trees we planted today. It is nice to know that these trees will be looked after".

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 |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Trees and Shrubs | 600 | 850 | 120 | 360 |
| Total | 600 | 850 | 120 | 360 |

