

# Wonderful Watershed Moments!

**OCTOBER 2018**



**LOCATION:**  
Saigeon Trail, Rouge River Watershed

**DATE:**  
Sunday October 27, 2018

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
York Region, Town of Richmond Hill

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Town of Richmond Hill, TD Bank Employees and Family Members, Local Residents



## Saigeon Trail, Community Based Restoration with TD Bank Employees and Families

TD Bank employees, family members and local residents gathered at Saigeon Trail to celebrate TD Tree Days and participate in community based restoration activities at the site.

Saigeon Trail is rated in the top three best hiking trails in Richmond Hill. This valleyland trail is located in an urbanized area surrounded by homes and schools, boasts abundant wildlife and a meandering creek that feeds into the Rouge River. The trail was recently extended to span more than 5 kilometers in total.

Participants were welcomed by TRCA staff, given a safety talk and educated on the importance of enhancing natural areas. After a planting demonstration to ensure quality and allow for best plant survival, participants quickly got underway planting 400 native trees and shrubs placing a mulch mat and mulch around each piece.

During the planting participants came across a juvenile red-bellied snake (bottom left photograph) which inhabit forested areas. In winter, snakes hibernate below the frost line in underground den-like cavities called hibernacula located near water. While some snakes hibernate alone, some group together in the same area.

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
<b>Trees &amp; Shrubs</b>	400	730	<b>25</b>	<b>75</b>
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