

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

OCTOBER 2018



LOCATION:
Saigeon Trail, Humber River Watershed

DATE:
Tuesday October 16, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
York Region, Town of Richmond Hill

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Town of Richmond Hill, Moraine Hills Public School Teachers and Students



Saigeon Trail, Community Based Restoration with Moraine Hills Public School Students

Grade 6 students and teachers from Moraine hills Public School gathered at Saigeon Trail for a community based restoration and to conduct control on invasive vegetation.

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 Humber River. The trail was recently extended to span 5.1 kilometers in total.

Students were welcomed by TRCA staff at their school and given a safety talk as they walked to the site. Along the way students were educated on the threat of invasive species and impacts they have on natural areas.

After a planting demonstration to ensure quality and allow for best plant survival, students quickly got underway planting 75 native shrubs. Using a tool called an Extractagator, the group also removed 20 large pieces of invasive buckthorn at the site to prevent this fast growing and invasive plant from encroaching and smothering the newly planted pieces.

Activities of this nature allow students to become involved with improving the overall health and function of the watershed and provides a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urbanized environments.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	Pieces of Buckthorn Removed	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Shrubs	75	112	20	75	150
Total:	75	112	20	75	150

