

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

OCTOBER 2018



LOCATION:
Humber Bay Park East, Mimico Creek Watershed

DATE:
Sunday October 14, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), City of Toronto, Friends of Humber Bay Park



Humber Bay Park East, Community Based Restoration with Friends of Humber Bay Park

TRCA in partnership with the City of Toronto and Friends of Humber Bay Park completed a community based restoration planting at Humber Bay Park East as a follow-up to the invasive species management event which occurred earlier in the year.

After a welcome and a safety talk by TRCA staff, the small determined group of volunteers got to work and planted and mulched 85 native shrubs to fill in an area where invasive burdock had been removed to enhance habitat in the park.

Once the planting was completed, several participants took on the role of citizen scientist to collect data as part of TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). Monitoring and maintenance of newly restored sites is undertaken over a three to five year period to measure and record general health and observations of new plants. This information allows maintenance strategies to be put into place to assist with successful growth, manage invasive vegetation, track affects of storm events and impacts from insect infestation, disease and wildlife browse.

Engaging local residents and community groups in enhancing natural areas provides a better understanding to the importance of greenspace. It also educates on the value of maintaining these areas through invasive species management and returning to collect data on health and success of plants at the site.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Shrubs	85	130	10	30
Total	85	130	10	30

