

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

SEPTEMBER 2018



LOCATION:
West Deane Park, Mimico Creek Watershed

DATE:
Monday September 24, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
City of Toronto Staff



West Deane Park, Young Tree & Shrub Monitoring & Maintenance Program Training with City of Toronto Staff

City of Toronto staff met with TRCA staff at West Deane Park in Toronto to become familiar with TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP).

Through YTMP, a representative sample of total plants at each community based restoration site are tagged with a unique ID number. Baseline measurements are taken from each tagged plant and general site observations are recorded. Maintenance strategies are put in place over a three to five year period to track success. Each year, measurements are taken and observations recorded to track affects of storm events and impacts related to insect infestation, disease and wildlife browse. Invasive plant species are removed and plants are watered during dry seasons to assist in plant survival.

City of Toronto staff spent the morning learning about YTMP protocols at restored sites within West Deane Park. Once staff felt comfortable and had asked questions about the program, the afternoon was spent measuring and recording data on tagged plant material.

Jessica Iraci, the Natural Environment Specialist for the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division had this to say about YTMP: 'The City of Toronto's Urban Forestry branch is developing a process to monitor and report on planted areas and TRCA's YTMP model will be integral in this process.'



Positive Environmental Impacts

# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
5	35

