

# WATERSHED *moments*



**LOCATION:**  
Sherway Trail, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Wednesday May 15, 2019

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
City of Toronto

**IN COLLABORATION WITH:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),  
City of Toronto, Branksome Hall Students and  
Teachers



## Sherway Trail, Community-Based Restoration Planting with Branksome Hall

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) hosted students from Branksome Hall at Sherway Trail, the location of a new pedestrian trail extension. The group engaged in planting native trees and shrubs to create a buffer along Etobicoke Creek. A group of 20 enthusiastic grade seven students arrived at the site, eager to work and learn.

After a warm welcome and a safety talk from TRCA staff, the group quickly got busy to plant 200 native trees and shrubs, placing mulch around each piece. Despite somewhat tough digging conditions, students managed to get all the plants in the ground.

Several participants took on the role of citizen scientist to help collect data for TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). A percentage of plant material is tagged with a unique ID number, measurements are taken and general site observations recorded. A maintenance strategy is put in place for three to five years to manage invasive vegetation, track impacts of insect infestation, disease, effects from storms and to track the success of plants.

Activities of this nature educate and bring awareness to the importance in enhancing 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</b>	55	140	20	60
<b>Shrubs</b>	145	220		
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>60</b>



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