

# WATERSHED *moments*

## William T. Foster Woods, School Group Based Restoration Planting with St. Agnes of Assisi CES

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) assisted by members of Kleinburg's "Old Boys Club" hosted students from St. Agnes of Assisi Catholic Elementary School to deliver a community based restoration to enhance natural spaces within the community. This year a group of approximately 50 students and teachers attended.

TRCA staff provided a safety talk and planting demonstration to ensure quality and quickly got underway to plant 100 native trees and shrubs, placing mulch mats around each piece. The students also helped remove approximately 20 pounds of garbage and litter from the area as part of TRCA's Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign.

Students also took on the role of citizen scientists and helped staff collect tree health data for TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). Through this program a percentage of plants are tagged with a unique ID number, measurements are taken and general observations recorded. A maintenance strategy is put in place for three to five years to perform invasive vegetation control and remeasure the plants to track success and growth.

Activities of this nature engage participants to be involved in improving the overall health and function of the watershed and provide 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
Trees	30	75	~50	~150
Shrubs	70	105		
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>~50</b>	<b>~150</b>



**LOCATION:**  
William T. Foster Woods, Humber River Watershed

**DATE:**  
Friday May 17, 2019

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
York Region, City of Vaughn

**IN COLLABORATION WITH:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),  
York Region, "Old Boys Club", St. Agnes of Assisi  
Catholic Elementary School Students and Teachers

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