

WATERSHED *moments*



LOCATION:
Phyllis Rawlinson Park, Rouge River Watershed

DATE:
Saturday May 25, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
York Region, City of Richmond Hill

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
City of Richmond Hill, Members of Chinese Family Services



Phyllis Rawlinson Park, Community-Based Restoration Planting with Chinese Family Services

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in partnership with the City of Richmond Hill, hosted members of Chinese Family Services for the second year at Phyllis Rawlinson Park for a community-based restoration planting.

TRCA staff gave a safety talk and planting demonstration and the group quickly got busy to plant 225 native trees and shrubs, placing a mulch mat and mulch around each piece. Despite very wet and rainy conditions, the group was provided musical encouragement by a member of the group playing a saxophone. Appropriately, the first song was "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head", by B.J. Thomas.

A maintenance strategy will be put into place to track success and growth of plants through TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program. A portion of plant material is tagged with a unique ID number, measurements taken and general health recorded. For three to five years, staff and volunteers will return to perform invasive control, re-measure, and record the health of plants.

Engaging local residents and community groups in enhancing natural areas provides a better understanding of the importance of greenspace. It also educates on the value of maintaining these areas through litter cleanups and returning to collect data on plant health and success at restoration sites.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Trees	85	215	100 +	300
Shrubs	140	210		
Total	225	420	100 +	300

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