

WATERSHED *moments*



LOCATION:
Valleybrook Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday May 4, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
Region of Peel, City of Brampton, Local Residents,
Scouts Canada



Valleybrook Park Community Restoration Planting with Local Residents and Scouts Canada

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with the City of Brampton, hosted a community-based restoration activity at Valleybrook Park. TRCA has been working closely with City of Brampton at this site for several years to manage invasive buckthorn. Once the invasive plants have been removed, local residents, students and community groups are engaged to establish native trees and shrubs to infill the area. These native plants are beneficial to local wildlife and provide necessary habitat.

After a welcome from the City of Brampton, TRCA staff gave a safety talk and a planting demonstration to the very large and energetic group. The group quickly got busy to plant 300 native trees and shrubs, placing a mulch mat and mulch around each piece.

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 maintenance strategy was put in place to monitor newly restored sites over a three year period to measure and record general health and success.

Engaging local residents and community groups by enhancing natural areas, provides a better understanding of the importance of greenspace. It also educates on the value of maintaining these areas and returning to collect data on the health and success of plants.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Trees	50	125	100 +	300
Shrubs	115	175		
Total	165	300	100 +	300

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