

# WATERSHED *moments*



**LOCATION:**  
Phyllis Rawlinson Park, Rouge River Watershed

**DATE:**  
Sunday June 8, 2019

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
York Region, City of Richmond Hill

**IN COLLABORATION WITH:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),  
City of Richmond Hill, Gibson Centre Community  
Church



## Phyllis Rawlinson Park, Community Restoration Planting with Gibson Centre Church Group

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with City of Richmond Hill, hosted members of the Gibson Centre Community Church at Phyllis Rawlinson Park for a community restoration planting.

Before planting got underway, participants gathered for awards and recognition by members of Gibson Centre. Afterwards, the group made their way to the site location where TRCA staff gave a safety talk and a planting demonstration to the very large and energetic group. Participants quickly got busy planting 230 native trees and shrubs, placing a mulch mat and mulch around each piece.

A maintenance strategy will be put into place to track the 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 are taken and general health is recorded. For three to five years, staff and volunteers will return to perform invasive control, re-measure, and record the general health of plants.

Engaging local residents and community groups with enhancing activities 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 the health and success of plants at the site.

### Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
<b>Trees</b>	85	215	100 +	300
<b>Shrubs</b>	145	220		
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>100 +</b>	<b>300</b>



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