

WATERSHED *moments*




LOCATION:
Sherway Trail, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday October 5, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
City of Toronto, TD Friends of the Environment
Foundation, TD Employees and Families, Local
Residents



Sherway Trail Community-Based Restoration Planting with TD Employees and Local Residents

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with the City of Toronto, local residents, TD Employees and their families, attended a native tree and shrub planting at the Sherway Trail restoration site as part of the annual TD Tree Days initiative. The group participated in planting native trees and shrubs to create a buffer zone along a section of Etobicoke Creek.

After a warm welcome and a safety talk from the TD Tree Day Leader and TRCA staff, the group quickly got underway to plant 300 native trees and shrubs, placing mulch around each piece. Despite the somewhat tough digging conditions, the group managed to plant all vegetation, paying attention to quality for best chance of survival.

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). Through 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 3 to 5 years with staff and volunteers returning to control invasive vegetation, remeasure and track plant health.

Activities of this nature educate and bring awareness to the importance of enhancing natural spaces within urbanized environments.

Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Trees	110	275	65	195
Shrubs	190	285		
Total	300	560	65	195

