

# WATERSHED *moments*

## Kiwanis Park Community-Based Restoration Planting with TD Employees and Local Residents

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with the City of Brampton and TD Tree Days Program, hosted approximately seventy TD Employees and local residents at Kiwanis Park in a native tree and shrub planting to enhance the riparian zone of Etobicoke Creek.

In an effort to extend canopy cover in urban parks, municipalities are extending forested areas within the mowed zones of the park. This additional vegetation will provide a buffer along sensitive waterbodies to assist in preventing contaminants from entering the system during storm events.

After a warm welcome and a safety talk from TRCA staff, the group planted 300 native trees and shrubs, placing mulch mats around each piece.

Several participants took on the role as a citizen scientist to help staff collect data for TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). A percentage of plant material are tagged with a unique identification number and a maintenance strategy is put in place for three to five years. Staff and volunteers will return to the site to manage invasive vegetation, re-measure, record impacts of insect infestation, disease and effects from storms, and track success of plants.

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	105	265	~70	~210
Shrubs	195	295		
<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>~70</b>	<b>~210</b>



**LOCATION:**  
Kiwanis Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Saturday September 28, 2019

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

**IN COLLABORATION WITH:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),  
Region of Peel, City of Brampton, TD Employees and  
Families and Local Residents



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