

WATERSHED *moments*



LOCATION:

Richard Whitehead Trail, Humber River Watershed

DATE:

Wednesday September 25, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:

Peel Region, Caledon

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Peel Region, Town of Caledon, Palgrave Public School Students and Teachers



Richard Whitehead Trail Community-Based Restoration Planting with Palgrave Public School Students

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), engaged Palgrave Public School students and teachers at Richard Whitehead Memorial Trail in Palgrave, for a community restoration activity to plant native trees and shrubs.

Richard Whitehead Memorial Trail (RWMT) is a section of the larger Caledon Trailway Path near Albion Hills Conservation Area. This portion of trail was named in honour of Richard Whitehead, a long-term member of Caledon council.

Students and teachers were welcomed by TRCA staff, and were given a safety talk and planting demonstration to ensure quality of establishing plant material. Students enthusiastically got underway to plant and place mulch mats around 75 native trees and shrubs, which will enhance habitat and forest connectivity within the area. Students also became citizen scientists through 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 to track plant health.

Engaging local youth with activities to enhance natural areas provides a sense of commitment to the environment and educates on human impacts in local greenspaces.

Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Shrubs	60	90	50	150
Trees	15	45		
Total	75	135	50	150



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