

WATERSHED *moments*



LOCATION:
Humber Bay Park East, Mimico Creek Watershed

DATE:
Sunday October 27, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
City of Toronto, Friends of Humber Bay and Local
Residents



Humber Bay Park Community-Based Native Shrub Planting

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with the City of Toronto, the Friends of Humber Bay Park, and local community members, hosted a native shrub planting in Humber Bay Park East.

This area of the park has been the focus of an invasive vegetation awareness, control, and maintenance exercise. Participants have attended the site on several occasions to remove invasive burdock plants which out-compete native plants. Burdock can present a threat to smaller birds which pass through the area on their seasonal migrations. The birds wing feathers get caught in the burs of the plant, preventing them from being able to fly, and can result in fatalities.

The area had been cleared of burdock earlier in the year with the help of volunteers, and tarps were laid to smother and allow summer high temperatures to 'bake' the seed bed. Following a short safety talk and planting demonstration, a group of 15 community participants worked with TRCA staff to plant 100 native shrubs, providing beneficial habitat for wildlife.

Engaging local residents and community groups with enhancement activities provides a better understanding to the importance of healthy natural areas. It also educates on the value of maintaining these areas by returning to collect data on health and success of plants at restoration sites, and conducting invasive species removal.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Shrubs	100	150	15	45

In collaboration with:

