

WATERSHED *moments*



LOCATION:

St Agnes of Assisi School Property, Humber River Watershed

DATE:

Friday October 18, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:

York Region, Vaughan

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), York Region, St Agnes of Assisi Catholic Elementary School Students and Teachers



St Agnes of Assisi Catholic Elementary School Caliper Tree Planting and Bench Installation

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with St Agnes of Assisi Catholic Elementary School, continue to build the school's outdoor classroom and engage staff and students by planting a caliper tree and installing two new benches.

For the second year in a row, a very enthusiastic group of Grade 4 and 5 students gathered around the caliper size bur oak tree to learn of the importance and benefits of protecting and planting native trees and shrubs. Following a safety talk by TRCA staff, the group were then divided so that some students could add mulch around the tree planted the previous year, while other students helped dig an appropriate sized hole for the new caliper tree. Once the tree was planted, TRCA staff installed fencing to provide protection for the tree and allow it to establish.

Two wooden benches, made from reclaimed timber and hand-carved depicting the leaf of a tree, were also installed to provide students with a seating area around the caliper trees.

Activities of this nature allow students to be involved in improving the overall health and function of the watershed and provides a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	Benches	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
1 Caliper Tree	2	20	60	120