

WATERSHED *moments*



LOCATION:
Rowntree Mills Park, Humber River Watershed

DATE:
Tuesday October 22, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Toronto, City of Toronto

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
City of Toronto, Association for Canadian Educational
Resources (ACER), Venerable John Melini Catholic
Elementary School Students and Teachers



Rowntree Mills Park Community-Based Planting with Venerable John Merlini Catholic Elementary School

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with the City of Toronto, hosted students and teachers from Venerable John Merlini Catholic Elementary School for a native tree and shrub planting at Rowntree Mills Park along the Humber River.

TRCA staff provided a safety talk and planting demonstration to ensure quality, then students got underway to plant 37 native shrubs, placing mulch mats and chip mulch around each plant. Students also removed litter from the area as part of TRCA's Watershed Wide Cleanup campaign.

The Association for Canadian Education Resources (ACER) staff were on hand to engage students as citizen scientists, and assist staff with collecting tree health data for TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). Through this program a percentage of plants are tagged with a unique ID number, measurements are taken and general observations recorded. A maintenance strategy is put in place for three to five years to perform invasive vegetation control and remeasure plants to track success and growth.

These activities provide a better understanding of healthy natural areas in urban settings and educate on the value of maintaining these areas through litter cleanups, and returning to perform maintenance at restoration sites.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	Litter Removed (lbs)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Shrubs	37	60	8	27	81

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