

# WATERSHED *moments*



**LOCATION:**  
Milne Dam Conservation Park, Rouge River Watershed

**DATE:**  
Saturday September 14, 2019

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
York Region, City of Markham

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



## Milne Dam Conservation Park, Community-Based Restoration Planting with TD Employees and Local Residents

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with the City of Markham and TD Tree Days, hosted TD Bank employees and families, and local residents, at Milne Dam Conservation Park to participate in community based restoration activities.

Milne Dam Conservation Park is 305 acres of greenspace located on Milne Reservoir, is part of the Rouge National Urban Park, and is also planned to become part of Rouge Park Trails Network. Milne Dam Conservation Park was named after Peter and Alexander Milne who operated a mill in the 1820's, located near the present dam structure.

Participants were provided with a safety talk and planting demonstration to ensure quality and allow for best plant survival, then planted 750 native trees and shrubs. Some members of the group became citizen scientists to assist staff in collecting data through TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). YTMP is a maintenance and monitoring strategy put in place for three years. Plant measurements are taken, invasive vegetation control is performed and data is collected on insect infestation, wildlife browse, storm effects, and general observations recorded to track success of plant material.

These community engagement activities improve the overall health and function of the watershed and provide participants with a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urbanized environments.

### Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Trees	450	1,125	100	300
Shrubs	300	450		
<b>Total</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>300</b>



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