

# WATERSHED *moments*



**LOCATION:**  
Sherway Trail, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Saturday September 21, 2019

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Region and City of Toronto

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



## Sherway Trail Community-Based Planting with TD Employees and Local Residents

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with the City of Toronto, TD employees and families, and local residents, participated in planting 300 native trees and shrubs as part of the TD Tree Days initiative to enhance the Sherway Trail restoration site along Etobicoke Creek.

Highlights of the planting included a group with hearing disabilities and interpreter, and a participant visiting Canada from Ohio.

In addition to planting, some members of the group took on the role of citizen scientists to assist staff with collecting data for TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). Through YTMP, a portion of plants are tagged with a unique identification and measurements are taken. A maintenance strategy is put in place for three to five years, and staff and volunteers return to the site to remeasure, perform invasive vegetation control and maintenance, record effects from storm events, insect infestation, disease and wildlife browse, in order to track success of plant material.

Enhancing these areas provide additional forest canopy, recreational areas for humans and habitat for local wildlife. The groups are given the opportunity to gain a better understanding to the importance of enhancement and maintenance to prevent harmful contaminants entering nearby waterways.



### Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Trees	125	315	65	195
Shrubs	175	265		
<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>195</b>

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