

WATERSHED *moments*




LOCATION:
Conservation Drive Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Wednesday October 16, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
Region of Peel, City of Brampton, Queen Street Public
School Students and Teachers



Conservation Drive Park, Community-Based Planting with Queen Street Public School

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with the City of Brampton, hosted a planting activity at Conservation Drive Park in Brampton as part of the 'No-Mow' initiative. 'No-Mow' is being undertaken to extend vegetated areas along waterways and expand tree canopy at parks throughout Brampton.

Kindergarten and Grade 5 students from Queen Street Public School were welcomed by TRCA staff and given a safety talk and planting demonstration to ensure quality when establishing plant material. Despite the rain and mud, students enthusiastically got underway to plant and mulch 75 native and shrubs. This native plant material will enhance forest connectivity and provide habitat for wildlife within the area.

TRCA Staff also collected data for TRCA's Young Tree and Shrub Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). Through YTMP, a percentage of plant material is tagged with a unique ID number, measurements are taken and general site observations recorded. A maintenance strategy is put in place for 3 to 5 years to track plant health and volunteers return to remeasure, track effects from storm events, insect infestation, disease and control invasive vegetation.

Engaging local youth with activities to enhance natural areas provides a sense of commitment to the community and educates on the importance of maintaining these areas for healthy recreation spaces and habitat for wildlife.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Shrubs	75	115	40	120

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