

# WATERSHED *moments*



**LOCATION:**  
North Hill Park, Humber River Watershed

**DATE:**  
Saturday October 26, 2019

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Region of Peel, Town of Caledon

**IN COLLABORATION WITH:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),  
Region of Peel, Town of Caledon, Bolton Horticulture  
Society, Boy Scouts and Local Residents



## North Hill Park, Community-Based Planting with Local Residents

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with the Bolton Horticulture Society hosted a native tree and shrub planting at North Hill Park, located on the property of the Caledon Centre for Health and Wellness.

This site has extensive invasive vegetation and a management strategy has been in place over the past four years to control the spread of these invasive species. TRCA staff remove invasive plants, then landscape fabric is laid over the site to smother the seed bed to solarize the area and prevent further growth. The managed area is then planted with native trees and shrubs to create habitat for local native wildlife.

After a safety talk and planting demonstration, the group planted 120 trees and shrubs placing a mulch mat and mulch around each piece. 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). A maintenance strategy is put in place for three years, plant measurements are taken, invasive vegetation control is performed and general observations recorded to track success of plant material.

Engaging local residents and community groups with enhancement activities provides a better understanding to the importance of healthy natural areas. It also educates on the value of maintaining these areas through litter cleanups and returning maintain the area and allow success of plant growth.



### Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Shrubs	120	180	25	75

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