

SEPTEMBER 2017



LOCATION:

William Foster Memorial Park, Humber River Watershed

DATE:

Saturday September 16, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:

York Region, City of Vaughan, Village of Kleinburg

PARTNERS:

Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Living City Foundation, York Region, TD Employees



William Foster Memorial Park, Native Tree and Shrub Planting with TD Employees

A large group of 100 TD employees and families attended William Foster Park in Kleinburg to participate in a native tree and shrub planting to enhance local greenspace.

The group were given a planting demonstration to ensure quality and planted 600 native trees and shrubs placing mulch mats around each piece.

Some participants became citizen scientists and assisted staff in collecting 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. For a period of three to five years, data will be collected and maintenance performed at this restoration site to track success of the plants. This data is used to tack health, monitor effects of storm events, wildlife browse, disease of plants and plan maintenance strategies for successful growth..

Activities of this nature allow participants to be involved in improving the overall health and function of the watershed and provides a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urbanized environments..

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

| Vegetation Planted | # of Pieces Planted | Total Area Enhanced (square metres) | # of Participants | Participant Hrs Contributed |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Native Trees and Shrubs | 600 | 1,010 | 100 | 300 |
| Total | 600 | 1,010 | 100 | 300 |

