

JUNE 2017



LOCATION:
Kortright Center for Conservation, Humber River Watershed

DATE:
Saturday June 3, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
York Region, City of Vaughn

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), York Region, The Living City Foundation, Kortright Center for Conservation, CFMS Employees



Kortright Centre Planting with CFMS Employees

TRCA welcomed members of CFMS at Kortright Center for Conservation in Vaughn to participate in a native tree and shrub planting.

Situated ten minutes north of Toronto on 325 hectares of pristine woodlands, Kortright Centre combines a natural oasis with some of the most leading edge sustainable education programs and events in Canada. The center offers one of the Canada's largest educational demonstrations of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies.

The group were given a safety talk around some of the potential hazards associated with the activity as well as a planting demonstration to ensure quality. Participants planted 130 trees and shrubs placing mulch around each piece. A portion of plant material was tagged with a unique ID number as part of TRCA's Young Tree Monitoring and Maintenance Program (YTMP). This initiative engages citizen scientists to measure and record plant material to track success and help provide maintenance required to assist with plant survival

Participants also took part in an interpretive hike around the conservation area and to learn of local wildlife, native vegetation and importance of natural greenspaces.

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 (square metres) | # of Participants | Participant Hrs Contributed |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Trees | 50 | 125 | 17 | 51 |
| Shrubs | 80 | 120 | | |
| Total | 130 | 245 | 17 | 51 |

