

JUNE 2017



LOCATION:

Tommy Thompson Park, Waterfront

DATE:

Sunday June 5, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:

City of Toronto

PARTNERS:

Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), The Living City Foundation, Sherritt Corporation



Tommy Thompson Park Wildflower Planting with Sherritt Corporate Employees

TRCA in partnership with The Living City Foundation welcomed Sherritt corporation employees at Tommy Thompson Park (TTP) to participate in a pollinator habitat community based restoration activity.

TTP is located on a man-made peninsula known as the Leslie Street Spit, which extends five km into Lake Ontario and is over 500 hectares in size. The Toronto Harbour Commissioners (now Toronto Port Authority) began construction of the spit in the late 1950s. Since that time it has been the site for disposal of dredged material from the outer harbour and surplus fill from development sites within Toronto.

The decline of pollinators is a rising global concern and efforts are being made to provide habitat to help mitigate this decline. Participants were given information about the importance of native wildflowers and pollinator habitat to the pollinator species. After being given a planting demonstration by staff, the group planted 500 native wildflowers around a newly constructed wetland. Participants also took part in an interpretive nature hike where they were able to learn about the local wildlife that inhabit this area.

These community based restoration activities provide a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urbanized environments and enhance local biodiversity with watersheds.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (square metres)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Herbaceous	500	33	18	54