



Habitat Restoration Project 2011
- Credit River: Halton Hills, Ontario -

Silver Creek Conservation Area Planting

Habitat Project Lead: *Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters*

Habitat Project Funding Lead: *Credit Valley Conservation*

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The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program planted 4 trees and 8 shrubs in the headwaters of the Credit River at the Silver Creek Conservation Area, with planting help from 32 grade 3 students from St. Leonard Elementary School. The students completed this small planting as a demonstration on planting techniques while on site releasing Atlantic Salmon fry as part of the Atlantic Salmon Classroom Hatchery Program. The school mentor team who organized the event was from the Dufferin-Northern Peel Anglers and Hunters Association. A total of 16 person-hours of planting were completed by the students to extend the riparian buffer (vegetated area along the water's edge) that filters runoff from the road before it enters the 10m long section of stream. This project provided a great example for the students of community-based stream stewardship.



Figure 1: Dufferin-Northern Peel Anglers and Hunters Association member teaching students how to plant a tree.



Figure 2: Kids planting trees.