



## Habitat Restoration Project 2012 Bronte Creek: Burlington, Ontario -

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### Lowville Park TD Tree Day Planting

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

Habitat Project Funding Lead: *TD Friends of the Environment Foundation*

Date Completed: *September 30, 2012*

The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program partnered with nine Trout Unlimited Canada (TUC) staff and volunteers to plant 12 trees and 450 shrubs along Bronte Creek at Lowville Park (Burlington). The core planting help came from 56 volunteers from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation as part of an OFAH-hosted September TD Tree Day Event. The group contributed 112 person-hours throughout the morning on September 30, 2012. The native trees and shrubs were planted along 65m of the stream bank creating a riparian corridor (a continuous vegetated area along the water's edge) to buffer runoff from the trail (park staff vehicles and foot traffic) that travels through the park to the stream. A total area of 650m<sup>2</sup> was planted to improve Atlantic Salmon habitat by providing shade to the coldwater creek, reducing the bank erosion, and providing an example for community members of good stream stewardship.



Figure 1: Lowville Park planting site before restoration.



**Figure 2:** Planting material lined up ready to be planting by the volunteers.



**Figure 3:** OFAH Atlantic Salmon Program Coordinator talking about the history of Atlantic Salmon in Bronte Creek and the benefits to planting trees and shrubs.



**Figure 4:** TD volunteers planting along Bronte Creek.



Figure 5: Children showing teamwork skills to dig out and move a large boulder.



Figure 6: TD Bank staff volunteers.



Figure 7: TD volunteers working hard to plant 450 shrubs.



Figure 8: A group photo of some of the TD volunteers that remained until the end, hiding behind the shrubs they planted.