



Habitat Restoration Project 2012 - Humber River: Etobicoke, Ontario -

Pine Point 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 8, 2012*

The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program planted 50 trees and 100 shrubs along the Humber River in Pine Point Park, Etobicoke with planting help from 34 volunteers from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) as part of a September TD Tree Days Event hosted by the OFAH. The group worked for a total of 68 person-hours at the one-day planting event on September 8, 2012. The native trees and shrubs were planted as supplementary vegetation in a sectioned-off area of the park just back from the water's edge. The stream bank riparian buffer, a continuous vegetated area along the water's edge, was created to buffer runoff from the road that travels through the urban park to the stream. A total of 1,800m² was planted to provide an example for community members of good stream stewardship and improve Atlantic Salmon habitat by filtering runoff. Trees and shrubs also benefit our environment by producing oxygen, cleaning the soil, controlling noise pollution, slowing storm water runoff, providing carbon sinks, cleaning the air, providing shade to cool the earth, acting as windbreaks, controlling soil erosion, and can often increase property values.



Figure 1: Pine Point Park planting site at the start of the event.



Figure 2: OFAH planting project leader explaining how to plant shrubs.



Figure 3: TD Tree Day volunteers hard at work even in the rain.



Figure 4: Our oldest planter that day, on her first trip to Canada.



Figure 5: TD volunteers having fun in the mulch pile, filling up buckets to pour around the trees.



Figure 6: A group photo of the TD Tree Day Event participants after planting 150 tree and shrubs.