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MAY UPDATE

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UPDATE ON SPRING PLANTING EVENTS

Thank you to the 1,500 volunteers who joined us at Milne Park this past weekend. We were able to plant 5,000 native trees and shrubs and help restore 5 acres of natural habitat for the Rouge River Watershed. Keep an eye out for our Instagram and Facebook pages where we will share photos from the event.

We still have some mulch leftover from the planting event and will be hosting a mulching session this coming weekend. Please help us spread the remaining mulch and help do a final quality check on our trees.

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Camp Chimo, 8205 McCowan Road

Activity: Mulching trees; quality control check - removing tree tags and correcting tree guards.

What to Bring: Shovel and two large buckets

No sign up is required. Please meet us at Camp Chimo. Note that this parking location is different than where you parked last week. We will also sign off on any high school volunteer forms.

Our remaining events are now fully sold out. We look forward to seeing all of you at **Berczy Park North** and **Austin Drive Park** later this month! Please join the waitlist by following the links on our website as we are still releasing more tickets as others cancel.

Set-up Crew, Milne Park, Saturday, May 2, 2026

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2026 SUMMER STEWARDSHIP EVENTS

During the summer, it is too hot to plant new trees. However, the summer period is critical to maintaining our newly planted trees and flowers. Volunteers will help us water, mulch, and weed in natural areas. These events will be held from June to September on Wednesday afternoons (4:30 PM) and Saturday mornings (9:00 AM). Events will last two hours and no sign-up is required.

Locations will be in Markham and will change from week to week. High school students can earn all of their volunteer hours at these summer events. Our first three dates have been confirmed and we are planning to plant some wildflowers and add woodchips to existing trees:

Saturday, June 6 (9 AM) at Monarch Park

Saturday, June 13 (9 AM) at Quantztown Park

NEW **Saturday, June 20 (9AM) at Austin Drive Park**

More details and dates will be posted on our website.

2026 FALL EVENT IN THE ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK

Hold the dates for **October 17 and 18, 2026**! Last year, we finished up our three-year planting of Wixon Creek Valley up in the north Pickering section of the Park. This year, we will begin a new two year planting project in a new site so join us down in Scarborough, near the Toronto Zoo, this fall.

Site preparation activities are now underway with a garbage clean-up completed last week (Thank you, Parks Canada stewardship volunteers and students from Heritage Park Public School for removing 300+ kg of garbage!) and ploughing and tilling to be completed this month. 2,000 trees and shrubs will soon be planted here.

WAYS TO HELP 10,000 TREES

10,000 Trees is entirely run by volunteers and here are some ways to help us make a greater impact.

Spread the word ...

If you enjoyed planting with us, help us spread the word. Follow us on social media and let your friends know about our events. Our Facebook account includes a photo gallery from our recent events.

Volunteer as a Planting Coach ...

Are you an experienced planter? We are always on the lookout for new planting coaches. These volunteers help to lead small groups of planters by demonstrating proper planting techniques, performing quality checks on trees, and ensuring the safety of volunteers. Training is provided for all new planting coaches. If you are interested, please reach out by replying to this email.

Donations and Grants ...

As we do not have paid staff, all donations go directly to purchasing trees and materials for our events. 10,000 Trees is a registered charity and charitable tax receipts are automatically issued for donations over $25. Donations can be made through our website: www.10000trees.com/donate. Your workplace may also support your volunteer efforts through a donation.

With your help, we can continue to run more community events to conserve our natural greenspaces. Thank you!

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