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### **Volunteers needed for fall tree planting events**



*Caption: Volunteers needed for TD Tree Days events in Mono and Minesing this September.*

**UTOPIA, Ontario (August 30, 2017)** – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is looking for volunteers to help the birds and bees by planting trees and restoring streamside habitat in Simcoe and Dufferin counties.

On Saturday, September 16 at 9:30 a.m., volunteers will meet at the Minesing Wildlife Viewing Tower at 4150 Concession 2 Sunnidale Rd in Angus to plant 500 native trees and shrubs on the banks of the Mad River. These trees will provide habitat for the 221 species of bird that live and visit the wetlands. One day they may be home to a gigantic Bald Eagle's nest or may help keep the endangered Cerulean Warbler singing.

Then on Sunday September 17 at 9:30 a.m., volunteers will meet at the Community Pollinator Garden at 246372 Hockley Rd in Mono, outside of Orangeville, to plant 400 pollinator-friendly native trees and shrubs. These flowering trees will provide food for bees, butterflies and birds.

Enjoy a great day of planting and helping the bees – what could “bee” sweeter?

These events are suitable for all ages, making them perfect for families and community groups. They are a fun, green, way to get those high school volunteer hours!

Both of these planting days are part of TD Tree Days, a national program lead by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. These family-friendly events see volunteers plant trees to help the environment in their local community. NVCA is pleased to work with TD and other groups, including the Nature Conservancy Canada and the Headwater Streams Committee, on these events.

Find out all the "buzz" about these events and sign-up to volunteer by visiting the NVCA website at [www.nvca.on.ca](http://www.nvca.on.ca) or TD Tree Days at [tdtreedays.com](http://tdtreedays.com).

And save the date - Between October 16 and 20, NVCA needs volunteers to cut and install livestakes at various locations. These cuttings, taken from local willows, dogwoods and other trees, are used to stabilize and replant stream banks, creating better habitat for fish and other aquatic wildlife.

No experience is necessary to participate. Biologists from NVCA will be on hand at each event to give a "livestaking 101" demo. Volunteers should come prepared for all weather with sturdy shoes, a hat, sunscreen, work gloves and a bottle of water. If possible, volunteers are asked to BYOS (bring your own shovel). Visit [www.nvca.on.ca](http://www.nvca.on.ca) to find out more.

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**About NVCA:** The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

**About TD Tree Days:** As a component of TD Forests, TD Tree Days invests in the health of our urban tree canopies, and offers TD employees, their families, and our community partners, a fun, easy and rewarding way to give back and help green the communities in which they live and work. Launched in 2010 as a national employee engagement program in Canada, TD Tree Days has evolved into TD's flagship volunteer program, engaging employees, customers and community partners in three countries. Since 2010, more than 20,000 volunteers have helped plant 285,000 trees in over 250 communities across Canada. In 2017, volunteers will come together to help plant the 300,000<sup>th</sup> tree. For more information and to register, visit [tdtreedays.com](http://tdtreedays.com).

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