

**APRIL 2016**



**LOCATION:**  
Valleybrook, Cliffview Court, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Sunday April 17, 2016

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Region of Peel, Town of Caledon

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, City of Caledon, South Fields Village Resident Group, Ontario Trillium Foundation.



## Valleywood Cliffview Ct. Watershed Wide Cleanup with Local Residents

An enthusiastic group of South Fields Village residents participated in TRCA's spring Watershed Wide Cleanup Initiative. Local Municipal Councillor Johanna Downey was among many who attended this community event.

Residents picked up litter around their community including the naturalized areas surrounding nearby stormwater management ponds. Over time, water within these ponds drain into nearby Etobicoke Creek. Preventing contaminants from entering the system aids in improving water quality for both humans and wildlife.

This clean-up activity allowed residents to have a better understanding of the amount and type of litter that surrounds their community. Participants also learned the importance of a healthy diverse ecosystem and their clean-up efforts contributed to protecting these sensitive areas.

Litter and illegal dumping in natural areas poses a significant risk to both humans and wildlife. Items such as plastics persist in the natural environment for many years and can be ingested by wildlife mistaking it for a food source.



## POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Garbage Bags Collected	Garbage Weight	# of Participants	Participant Hrs. Contributed
20	~200 lbs.	19	60

