

MAY 2016



LOCATION:

Heart Lake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:

Thursday May 26 to Thursday June 2, 2016

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:

Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:

Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, City of Brampton, Students from Peel Region Elementary Schools



Heart Lake Conservation Area, Peel Children's Water Festival

Twenty First Anniversary and Milestone Attendance.

The annual Peel Children's Water Festival was a resounding success this year. Over 6,000 students participated at the event and more than 103,000 students have attended since its inception.

This event is supported by several organizations to bring awareness of environmental sustainability. Various booths help educate and empower students, teachers and volunteers to initiate water conservation within their homes, schools and community. TRCA staff engaged the students in planting 1,200 native wildflowers at a meadow plot to help enhance habitat for pollinator species.

Students also released 1,000 rainbow trout into Heart Lake and learned about other aquatic species living in this kettle lake.

This event supports and encourages stewardship and allows participants a better understanding of healthy ecosystems and natural spaces within urban settings.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq. m.)	# of Participants
Wildflowers	1,200	40	6,053