

JULY 2016



LOCATION:
Heart Lake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Sunday, July 24, 2016

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, Four Colours Drum Circle, David Suzuki Foundation, Scout Troops from Brampton and Scotland



Heart Lake Conservation Area, Canoe Pollinator Garden Enhancement with Scout Troops

TRCA, in partnership with David Suzuki Foundation established a Canoe Pollinator Garden adjacent to the Medicine Wheel Garden (Gitigaan Mashkiki) at Heart Lake Conservation Area.

A group of twenty local Brampton Scouts, hosting seventy Scouts and leaders from Scotland, attended the site to plant three hundred native wildflowers to provide habitat for local pollinator species.

Four Colours Drum Circle members performed an Aboriginal smudging, a welcome ceremony and provided the Scouts with an educational overview of the Medicine Wheel Garden. In keeping with Aboriginal ways to honour the garden, Scouts gave an offering of tobacco to the Grandfather and Grandmother stones surrounding the inner portion of the circle as a show of respect.

After the event, Four Colours Drum Circle members were presented with the Scottish Scout neckerchief.

With the increasing public awareness of pollinator species decline, these plots have been established to provide much needed habitat to an abundant variety of local pollinator species. These types of community engagement activities provide community residents with a higher awareness to the importance of greenspace and educate on the importance of biodiversity.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq. m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs. Contributed
Wildflowers	300	40	90	270

