

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

APRIL 2017



LOCATION:
Gatineau Hydro Corridor , Toronto

DATE:
Thursday, April 27 , 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), students and teachers from St. Richards Catholic School



Watershed Wide Cleanup, Gatineau Hydro Corridor with students from St. Richards Catholic School

Each spring, TRCA hosts a watershed wide cleanup blitz throughout the Etobicoke and Mimico Creeks Watershed. This year the campaign was expanded to include other watersheds within TRCA's jurisdiction.

Elementary students and teachers from St. Richard's Catholic School in Scarborough participated in a clean-up effort along a section of the Gatineau Hydro Corridor in the Don River Watershed.

Students spent time clearing the corridor of litter and debris and learned about microplastics and their impact on aquatic ecosystems. In addition, students also participated in a habitat activity where they learned about the importance of habitat for species survival.

Items collected during the cleanup included numerous plastic bottles, cigarette butts, plastic containers, wrappers and coffee cups.

Clean up activities like these are very important, as litter poses significant risks to human and wildlife health. Plastics persist in the environment many years and often litter is mistaken for food and ingested by birds and other animals.

These types of community engagement activities improve the overall health and function of our watershed and provide participants with a greater appreciation of natural areas.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

# of Participants	# Garbage Bags	Total Weight Collected (lbs)	Volunteer Hours
300	21	~130	8