

APRIL 2017



LOCATION:
Gates of Bayview, Don River Watershed

DATE:
Saturday, April 22, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), City of Toronto, Local Residents



Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign at the Gates of Bayview

Each spring TRCA hosts a watershed wide cleanup blitz throughout Etobicoke and Mimico Creek Watersheds. This year a new site was added at the Gates of Bayview community in the Don River Watershed.

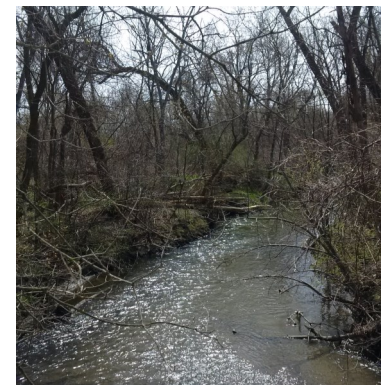
Local residents from the various apartment complexes gathered together to clean up a section of the Don River and areas adjacent to the river. In a matter of a few hours, participants collected 22 large bags of litter, debris and illegally dumped material weighing over 200 lbs.

Items collected included the usual suspects such as plastic bottles, cigarette butts, plastic containers, food wrappers and coffee cups. Some of the more unique finds included a toaster oven, portable DVD player, metal drum, car battery and pieces of metal.

Clean up activities like these are very important, as litter poses significant risks to the environment and both human and wildlife health.

Plastics persist in the environment many years and are often mistaken for food by birds and other animals posing significant risks to wildlife.

These types of community engagement activities improve the overall health and function of our watershed and assist in the continued campaign to remove contaminants and pollutants from entering waterbodies. They also provide participants with a greater appreciation of natural areas.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

# of Participants	# Garbage Bags	Total Weight Collected (lbs)	Volunteer Hours
12	22	~209	24