

APRIL 2017



LOCATION:
Colonel Sam Smith Park, Etobicoke Creek 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 Colonel Sam Smith Park

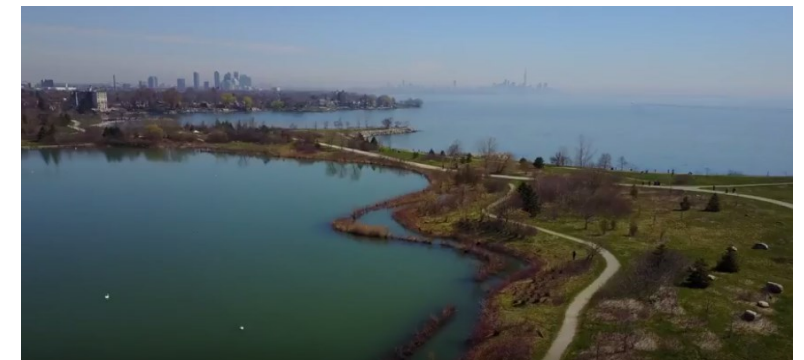
TRCA partnered with local watershed champion Alan Roy, the City of Toronto, and local area residents to deliver a litter clean-up activity at Colonel Sam Smith Park as part of the Watershed-Wide Cleanup Campaign. Also in attendance were local MP James Maloney and MPP Peter Milzcyń's staff who also contributed to the clean-up efforts.

Approximately 194 people pitched in to remove litter from natural areas and Lake Ontario shoreline surrounding Colonel Sam Smith Park. Approximately ninety-three bags of garbage were filled totaling approximately 1,066 lbs.

Some of the more interesting items collected included a 200 lb. manhole, 175 lbs. of metal and a fire-scorched office chair.

These clean-up efforts are crucial to restoring areas of wildlife habitat that have been degraded due to litter, including multiple forms of plastics. These plastics persist in the natural environment for hundreds of years contaminating the surrounding soil and water and can also be ingested by wildlife.

An interpretive educational station was also incorporated into the event to raise awareness with local residents on negative consequences of microplastics and their increasing presence in the environment.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

# of Garbage Bags Collected	# of Participants	Weight of Garbage Collected
~93	~194	+1066lbs