

APRIL 2017



LOCATION:
Heart Lake Road, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday April 29, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation, Region of Peel, City of Brampton, Local Residents



Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign at Heart Lake Road with Local Residents

TRCA hosted five Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign activities throughout Etobicoke and Mimico Creek Watersheds on Saturday as part of Earth Week.

At Heart Lake Road, a small but enthusiastic group gathered to remove litter, trash and debris from Sandalwood Pkwy to Countryside Dr. This stretch of road is surrounded by designated Provincially Significant Wetlands. These wetlands are home to multiple species of wildlife threatened by excessive litter which is illegally dumped.

Participants collected 14 bags of trash and construction debris from this sensitive ecosystem. Items included; hundreds of plastic water bottles, coffee cups, food wrappers, full cans of paint, ceramic tiles and more. A reoccurring item at this location that participants are baffled over, are grass and leaf debris placed in large plastic bags and thrown into the ditch and wetlands. When found, participants break open the bags, spread the organic leaf and grass matter and dispose of the bags.

Clean-ups of this nature assist in removing contaminants from the sensitive waterways along Heart Lake Road to help protect these wetlands. Being involved in these activities improve the overall health and function of the watershed and provides a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urbanized environments.

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

# of Garbage Bags	Weight of Garbage	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
14	~ 850 lbs	8	24

