

MAY 2017



LOCATION:
Heart Lake Conservation Area (HLCA), Etobicoke
Creek Watershed

DATE:
Sunday May 28, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), The Living
City Foundation, Region of Peel, Four Colours Drum
Circle, Legacy Supply Chain Service



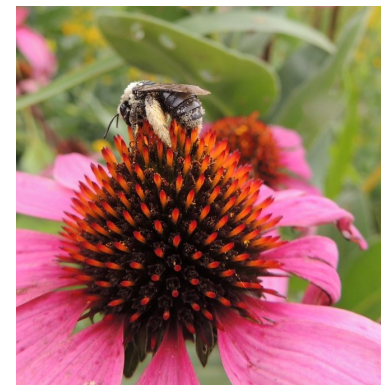
Heart Lake CA Aboriginal Welcome Ceremony Meadow Plot Maintenance and Herbaceous Planting with Legacy SCS

TRCA in partnership with The Living City Foundation and Legacy SCS employees gathered at HLCA to participate in a pollinator habitat community based restoration activity.

The group began the morning at the Medicine Wheel Garden (Gitigaan Mashkiki) for a welcome ceremony, overview of the history of the Medicine Wheel Garden and drumming ceremony by Four Colours Drum Circle. An offering was placed on the Grandfather and Grandmother stones to show respect for the garden.

Participants proceeded to the meadow plots located at HLCA Bowl to create additional pollinator habitat. The group planted 300 herbaceous plants (native wildflowers) to provide much needed habitat for local pollinator species. The decline of pollinators is a rising global concern and efforts are being made to provide habitat to help reduce this decline.

These community based restoration activities provide a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urbanized environments and enhance local biodiversity with watersheds.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (square metres)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Herbaceous	300	20	25	75