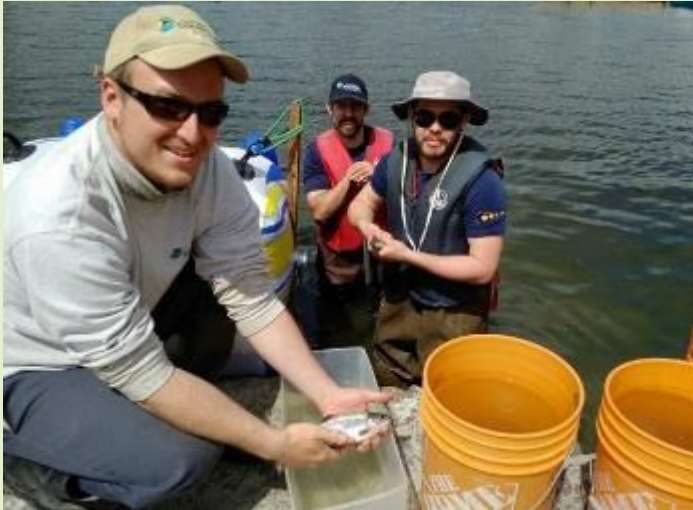


Wonderful Watershed Moments!

MAY 2017



LOCATION:
Heart Lake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek

DATE:
Thursday May 25 to Wednesday May 31, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, Students from Peel Region Elementary Schools



Heart Lake Conservation Area, Peel Children's Water Festival

The annual Peel Children's Water Festival (PCWF) was a huge success this year with over 5,000 students attending this five day long celebration at Heart Lake Conservation Area (HLCA).

Since the inception of the PCWF, more than 108,000 students having attended the event. These activities provide local students the opportunity to interact and engage with the natural world around them by showcasing the importance of water through hands-on learning.

PCWF is supported by numerous organizations and partners that participate by setting up interactive displays and educational stations that help raise awareness around environmental sustainability and help educate and empower students, teachers and volunteers to initiate water conservation within their homes, schools and community.

During the 2017 PCWF, students planted 1,500 native wildflowers at a meadow plot to help enhance habitat for pollinator species. They also released 1,000 rainbow trout into Heart Lake and learned about other aquatic species living in this kettle lake and the surrounding ecosystem.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (square metres)	# of Participants	Rainbow Trout Released
Wildflowers	1,200	50	~5,000	1,000