

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

JUNE 2017



LOCATION:

Heart Lake Conservation Area (HLCA), Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:

Saturday June 3, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:

Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:

Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, Four Colours Drum Circle, Sierra Club Brampton, Local Residents



Heart Lake CA Pollinator Habitat Enhancement and Aboriginal Welcome with Sierra Club Brampton

TRCA, Four Colours Drum Circle, Sierra Club Brampton and local residents gathered at HLCA to continue maintenance and enhancement of pollinator habitat meadow plots and HLCA's Medicine Wheel Garden (Gitigaan Mashkiki).

Four Colours Drum Circle performed an Aboriginal welcome ceremony with drumming songs, traditional teachings and an educational overview of Gitigaan Mashkiki. Participants placed berries on the Grandfather and Grandmother stones which circle the inner area of the quadrants to honour plants, representative animals and plants for each direction.

Pollinator species are declining globally and Sierra Club has been actively assisting in the creation and maintenance of pollinator habitat by gathering at HLCA meadow restoration site and participating in these types of activities for the past four years. The group removed invasive weeds, dried stalks from the previous year growth and planted additional wildflowers to infill and prevent encroachment of invasive vegetation.

Sierra Club brought refreshments and snacks for the group to keep energy levels and momentum moving forward to complete tasks.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (square metres)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Native Wildflowers	200	90	~20	60