

JULY 2017



LOCATION:
Heart Lake Road, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Friday July 21, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation, Region of Peel,
Peel Conservation Youth Corps Students



Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign Along Heart Lk Rd and Learn to Fish at Heart Lake Conservation Area with Peel Region Conservation Youth Corps Students

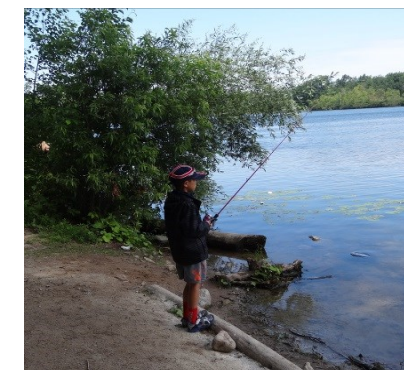
An enthusiastic group of thirty-three students from Peel Conservation Youth Corp (CYC) participated in TRCA's Watershed Wide Cleanup campaign along Heart Lake Road to prevent contaminants from entering the designated Provincially Significant Wetlands bordering Heart Lake Rd.

The group were educated on adverse effects of litter, garbage and chemicals leaching into these wetlands and the valuable contribution clean-up efforts play in protecting these sensitive areas. Students were also given an overview of TRCA's Road Ecology Monitoring Program which has been taking place along Heart Lake Rd since 2011. Through this program, volunteers trained as citizen scientist volunteers have been collecting wildlife mortality data related to wildlife vehicle collisions (WVCs).

TRCA staff reviewed road safety protocols, equipped the students with safety gear and divided them into groups led by TRCA staff. The groups collected debris, construction materials and litter from along the edge of the road and ditches leading to the wetlands.

This stewardship activity allows students to better understand these important ecosystems and their value to both human and wildlife health.

The students finished the day participating in the Learn to Fish program at Heart Lake Conservation Area where they learned how to fish safely and the importance of fish identification in order to understand regulations all anglers must follow in order to fish sustainably.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

# of Garbage Bags	Weight of Garbage	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
14	~ 75 lbs	33	28