

# Wonderful Watershed Moments!

**JULY 2017**



**LOCATION:**  
Heart Lake Road, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Friday July 28, 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, Heart Lake Road with Peel Region Conservation Youth Corps Students

An enthusiastic group of twenty-one students from Peel Conservation Youth Corp (CYC), participated in a Watershed Wide Cleanup 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. Trained volunteers have been collecting wildlife mortality data related to wildlife vehicle collisions (WVCs). In partnership with the City of Brampton a wildlife passage and wildlife directional fencing has been installed to assist with safe passage between the wetlands.

Students were equipped with safety gear, TRCA staff provided road safety protocols and they got underway. The students were divided into groups and led by a TRCA staff 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.



### POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

# of Garbage Bags	Weight of Garbage	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
16	~ 200 lbs	21	6.3

