

# Wonderful Watershed Moments!

**AUGUST 2017**



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

**DATE:**  
Friday August 4, 2017

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation, Region of Peel, City of Brampton, Peel Region Conservation Youth Corp



## Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign, Heart Lake Road with Peel Region Conservation Youth Corps Students

An enthusiastic group of thirty-nine students from Peel Region Conservation Youth Corp (CYC), participated in a Watershed Wide Cleanup along Heart Lake Road to remove litter and illegal dumping along the adjacent natural areas, 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 Volunteer 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 have been installed to assist with safe passage between 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
23	~ 300	39	97.5