

**AUGUST 2017**



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

**DATE:**  
Friday August 18, 2017

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

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



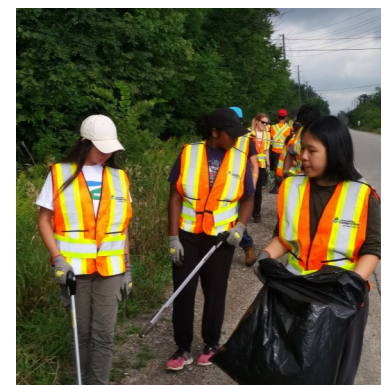
## Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign along Heart Lake Road with Peel Region Conservation Youth Corps Students

A very enthusiastic group of thirty-eight students from Peel Region Conservation Youth Corps (CYC) gathered at Heart Lake Conservation Area (HLCA) to remove litter, trash and debris from a stretch of Heart Lake Road between Sandalwood Pkwy to Countryside Dr. This area is surrounded by designated Provincially Significant Wetlands which are home to multiple species of local native birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians..

Students were equipped with safety gear, divided into groups and TRCA staff provided a safety talk and reviewed road safety protocols. Participants were also educated on adverse effects of litter and contaminants entering these wetlands and the importance clean-up efforts play in protecting both wildlife and these sensitive habitat areas.

The group collected 11 large bags of litter, trash and construction debris from this sensitive ecosystem. Items included; hundreds of plastic water bottles, coffee cups, food wrappers, cigarette butts, needles and more.

Involvement in these types of activities improve the overall health and function of the watershed and provide a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urban areas.



### POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

# of Garbage Bags	Weight of Garbage	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
11	~ 110 lbs	38	114