

SEPTEMBER 2017



**LOCATION:**  
Marie Curtis Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Saturday September 30, 2017

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
City of Toronto

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), City Of Toronto,  
Friends of Marie Curtis park and Local Residents



## Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign, Marie Curtis Park with Local Residents

Each fall TRCA hosts several watershed wide cleanup blitz's throughout the GTA and surrounding area.

Marie Curtis Park participants celebrated its 6th year of participating in this activity.

Members from the Friends of Marie Curtis Park Group and local residents joined TRCA staff at Marie Curtis Park to clean up Etobicoke Creek shoreline and beaches adjacent to the mouth of the creek.

Enthusiastic participants worked diligently to collect 24 bags of garbage weighing approximately 305 lbs. Items collected included the usual suspects such as; plastic bottles, cigarette butts, plastic containers, wrappers and coffee cups, with foam packaging being the most common item collected.

Foam packaging, plastics and litter can break down into small pieces which are mistaken for food by wildlife and once ingested, can create serious and life threatening health risks to these species.

Clean up activities like these are very important as litter poses a significant risk to our environment and both human and wildlife health. Community engagement activities improve the overall health and function of our watershed and provide participants with a greater appreciation of natural areas.



### POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

# Garbage Bags	Total Weight Collected (lbs)	# of Participants	Volunteer Hours
24	~305	20	60