

OCTOBER 2017



LOCATION:
Humber Bay Park, Mimico Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday, October 21, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), City Of Toronto, Friends of Humber Bay Park and Local Residents



Watershed Wide Cleanup at Humber Bay Park with Local Residents

This fall, TRCA hosted a watershed wide clean-up blitz throughout watersheds within TRCA's jurisdiction. This is the second anniversary TRCA has partnered with local residents at Humber Bay Park .

Local area residents and members of the Friends of Humber Bay Park Group joined TRCA staff to clean up a section of Mimico Creek and adjacent naturalized areas within Humber Bay Park.

Participants collected 50 large bags of garbage weighing more than over 500 lbs. Items collected included the usual suspects such as plastic bottles, cigarette butts, plastic containers and coffee cups. Interesting items that were also collected included: coolers, several chairs, tires and tire rims, construction signage and foam insulation.

Clean up activities like these are very important, as litter poses a significant risk to both human and wildlife health. Plastics persist in the environment taking many years to break down and contribute to contamination of soils and watercourses. Smaller pieces of litter and plastics are also mistaken for food by many local fish and wildlife, are ingested and can be harmful to their health.

These types of community engagement activities improve the overall health and function of our watershed and provide participants with a greater appreciation and understanding of natural areas.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

# of Participants	# Garbage Bags	Total Weight Collected (lbs)	Volunteer Hours
50	50	~546	150