

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

APRIL 2018



LOCATION:
Colonel Sam Smith Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday April 28, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto, Toronto

PARTNERS:
Watershed Champion Alan Roy, Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), City of Toronto, Local Residents



Colonel Sam Smith Park, Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign

TRCA in partnership with local Watershed Champion Alan Roy, hosted the annual Watershed Cleanup at Colonel Sam Smith Park.

Cold, windy and wet weather conditions did not discourage 32 people that participated in this cleanup effort, collecting more than 500 lbs of litter and garbage from natural areas and shorelines around Colonel Sam Smith Park.

This area was recently impacted by an ice storm and large wave surges deposited a considerable amount of heavy debris. Items collected in and around the water included: a significant amount of metal, extensive plastics and ever present food wrappers, straws, cups, cutlery, trays and cigarette butts.

Removing litter and garbage from local waterways and natural areas is important due to negative impacts to water quality, the natural environment and both wildlife and human health. Plastics persist in the environment and if not removed in larger sizes, break down into what is referred to as microplastics. These microplastics can be mistaken as food to both aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and once ingested, can prove fatal.

Participating in cleanup activities improve the overall health and function of our watershed. They provide valuable learning opportunities to the importance of disposing of litter properly and community residents gain a greater appreciation and understanding of natural areas.



Positive Environmental Impacts

# of Participants	# Garbage Bags	Total Weight Collected (lbs)	Participant Hrs Contributed
32	18	506.64	96

