

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

APRIL 2018



LOCATION:
Humber Bay Park, Mimico Creek Watershed

DATE:
Sunday April 22, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

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



Humber Bay Park, Watershed Wide Cleanup with Community Residents

TRCA in partnership with the Friends of Humber Bay Park along with local residents came out to participate in TRCA's Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign to remove litter and debris from the Mimico Creek, Humber Bay Park shoreline and surrounding natural areas.

The favorable weather conditions resulted in approximately 130 people participating in the days activities. A total of 128 large bags of litter was collected weighing over 1,200 pounds. Some unique finds included; a ladybug carnival ride car, shopping cart and considerable plastic and metal debris. The area had been impacted by an ice storm and wave surges deposited large amounts of heavy debris along the shoreline.

Removing litter and garbage from waterways and natural areas is important due to negative impacts to water quality, which affects both wildlife and human health. Plastics persist and do not fully break down and if not removed quickly, get smaller over time and become what is known as microplastics and are more difficult to collect. These microplastics are often mistaken as a food source to wildlife and when ingested can prove to be fatal.

Removing illegal waste and litter is an important engagement opportunity to improve the overall health and function of our watershed and provide learning opportunities to the importance of disposing garbage properly. It allows community residents a greater understanding and appreciation of natural areas.



Positive Environmental Impacts

# of Participants	# of Garbage Bags Collected	Total Weight Collected (lbs)	Participant Hrs Contributed
~ 130	128	~ 1,290	390

