

# Wonderful Watershed Moments!

MAY 2018



**LOCATION:**  
Gates of Bayview, Don River Watershed

**DATE:**  
Saturday May 12, 2018

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
City of Toronto

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and  
Gates of Bayview Residents,



## Gates of Bayview, Watershed Wide Cleanup with Gates of Bayview Residents

With fabulous weather, local residents of Gates of Bayview came out to celebrate Earth Day and participate in the second annual TRCA Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign to remove garbage and litter from the ravine and waterways.

Participants collected and removed more than 250 lbs. of trash and illegally dumped debris from this greenspace. Some of the more unique finds included; 5 lbs. of pet waste collected in small “stoop-&-scoop” bags, a basketball net, shopping cart and pieces of plastic pipe.

Removing litter and garbage from waterways and natural areas is very important because of the significant impact to both human and wildlife health.

As plastics break down into smaller pieces they become what is referred to as microplastics and are difficult to remove from both land and water. These small pieces are often mistaken as a food source to wildlife and when ingested can prove fatal.

Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaigns are important engagement opportunities to improve the overall health and function of watersheds. They are a learning opportunity for residents to better appreciate the importance of proper litter disposal and provide a greater appreciation of natural areas.



### Positive Environmental Impacts

# of Participants	# of Garbage Bags Collected	Total Weight Collected (lbs)	Participant Hrs Contributed
9	18	251.32	18