

# Wonderful Watershed Moments!

MAY 2018



**LOCATION:**  
Heart Lake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek

**DATE:**  
Friday May 25 to Thursday May 31, 2018

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Region of Peel, Students from Peel Region Elementary Schools



## Heart Lake Conservation Area, 2018 Peel Children's Water Festival

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff worked in partnership with the Region of Peel to host the annual Peel Children's Water Festival (PCWF) at Heart Lake Conservation Area (HLCA). This year's PCWF was a huge success with over 5,000 students attending this five day long environmental celebration.

Over the years more than 120,000 students have attended this event which provides local elementary students an opportunity to learn, interact and engage with the natural world.

PCWF is supported by several organizations and partners that participate by setting up interactive displays and educational stations to assist in awareness around environmental sustainability. These activities educate and empower students, teachers and volunteers to initiate water conservation within their homes, schools and community.

TRCA hosted several activities including; expanding existing pollinator habitat by planting 1,100 native wildflowers and a pollinator interactive game. These habitat areas provide much needed food for local pollinator species which are declining globally.

Staff also engaged students in releasing 1,000 rainbow trout into Heart Lake and learned about aquatic species living in this kettle lake and surrounding wetlands of this diverse ecosystem.



### Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Rainbow Trout released
Wildflowers	1,100	50	~5000	1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>~5000</b>	<b>1000</b>

