

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

JULY 2018



LOCATION:
Humber Bay Park East, Mimico Creek Watershed

DATE:
Sunday July 29, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

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



Invasive Species Removal with Friends of Humber Bay Park at Humber Bay Park

TRCA in partnership with the City of Toronto and the Friends of Humber Bay Park completed an invasive species removal project at Humber Bay Park East.

An area of the park had become overrun with invasive burdock plants causing damage and harm to birds and wildlife that can be found in this area. Burdock plants create small to medium sized burs that can attach to fur and entangle small birds, and also grow very aggressively outcompeting native plants. Once burdock has been removed, native trees and shrubs are planted to help enhance the local habitat and reduce harm to wildlife.

A total of 15 dedicated participants attended the event and enthusiastically got underway. Using specially designed tools called Extractigators, participants removed burdock plants by the roots from an area over 300 square metres. Once Burdock was removed, TRCA staff and participants laid out landscape fabric and mulch to allow the sun to “bake” any remaining Burdock seeds and help control encroaching invasive vegetation. A fall activity is planned with TRCA, Friends of Humber Bay and the City of Toronto, when the area will be planted with native trees and shrubs to help enhance habitat.

Engaging local residents and community groups in enhancing natural areas provides a better understanding to the importance of greenspace. It also educates on the value of maintaining these areas through litter cleanups and returning to collect data on health and success of plants at the site.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Invasives Removed	# of Invasive's Removed	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Burdock	400	300	15	45
Total	400	300	15	45

