

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

AUGUST 2018



LOCATION:
Humber Bay Park, Mimico Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday August 18, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

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



Humber Bay Park, Community Watershed Wide Cleanup

A small but dedicated group from the Friends of Humber Bay Park came out to collect litter from the stormwater management pond located within the park. Over 260 lbs of garbage was collected with the help of 8 volunteers over a period of 3 hours.

Some of the more unique finds included a single ski, a wood pallet and over 1,500 cigarette butts, plastic water bottles, food containers and wrappers and other related waste.

Reporters from CBC and CTV news filmed, photographed and reported on the clean-up efforts.

Conducting clean-ups along our waterways and natural areas is very important because of the significant negative impacts that litter and garbage have on the natural environment, and both human and wildlife health. Plastics in particular persist for a long time and never fully break down. If not removed when in a larger size, they gradually break down into smaller pieces known as microplastics, are harder to collect and enter water systems more easily. These microplastics are often mistaken as a food source to wildlife and when ingested can be fatal.

Clean-ups within local valleys and greenspace areas provide an important engagement opportunity to improve the overall health and function of the watershed. They provide valuable learning opportunities to the importance of disposing garbage properly and allow a greater appreciation of natural areas.



Positive Environmental Impacts

# of Participants	# of Garbage Bags Collected	Total Weight Collected (lbs)	Participant Hrs Contributed
8	18	261	24

