

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

SEPTEMBER 2018



LOCATION:
Heart Lake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday September 15, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Together Group
and COSTI



Learn to Fish with the Together Group and COSTI

TRCA worked with the Together Group and COSTI to organize an opportunity for members of these groups to participate in the Learn to Fish program at Heart Lake Conservation Area. An anxious group of adults, youth, staff and volunteers gathered along the Heart Lake shoreline to learn the rules and regulations around fishing, get hands-on teaching of knot tying, learn how to safely cast and spend time enjoying the recreational activity of fishing.

Through this opportunity, TRCA staff helped present important information that new anglers need to know to fish legally, successfully, safely and sustainably. Many of the participants involved in this event had fished before coming to Canada and picked up the techniques and regulations quickly.

The Together Project connects Government-Assisted Refugee newcomers and Canadians for friendship and settlement support and encourages the collaborative use of public space in the development of well-integrated communities.

Field trips like this one provide opportunities for newcomers and support groups to explore the city together and allow participants to better understand the importance of healthy watersheds and provide a greater appreciation and understanding of natural spaces within urbanized environments.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Species Caught	# of fish caught and released	# of participants
Pumpkinseed	2	30
Rock bass	1	
Total	3	30

