

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

JULY 2018



LOCATION:
Heartlake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Friday, July 27, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Peel Region Conservation Youth Corps Students



Heart Lake Road Watershed Wide Cleanup and Learn to Fish Program with Peel Conservation Youth Corps

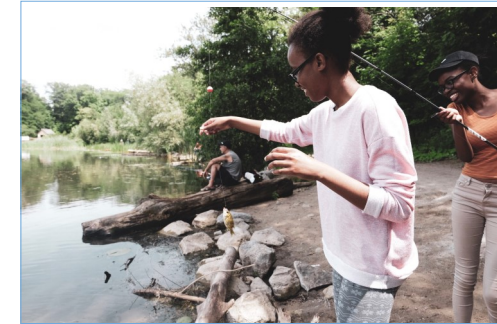
TRCA hosted a group of Peel Region Conservation Youth Corps for a Watershed Wide Cleanup (WWC) along Heart Lake Road and Learn to Fish Program at Heart Lake Conservation Area.

Heart Lake Rd. is surrounded by designated Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW) which are diverse ecosystems and home to an abundance of wildlife. This area is heavily and negatively impacted by illegal dumping of both household waste and construction debris.

Walking from the entrance to Heart Lake Conservation Area and travelling north to Countryside Drive, students collected over 400 pounds of garbage around the PSWs. This litter breaks down leaching pollutants and contaminants to the water, negatively affecting both humans and wildlife.

For the second half of the day, the group participated in TRCA and the Ministry of Natural Resource and Forestry's Learn to Fish Program. Students were taught rules, regulations and licensing for sustainable fishing techniques. Staff instructed on fish identification, proper methods to attach hooks and lures to fishing line and casting techniques.

Participation in these activities provided a broader understanding of the importance of stewardship activities to protect and enjoy natural spaces.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Garbage Bags Collected	Total Weight collected (lbs)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
15	404	34	105

