

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

NOVEMBER 2018



LOCATION:
Claireville Conservation Area, Humber River Watershed

DATE:
Friday November 16, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Region of Peel and Toronto District School Board Student Volunteers



Claireville Conservation Area, High School Volunteer from Toronto District School Board Students

Toronto District School Board Students joined TRCA staff at Claireville Conservation Area (CA) for a second year during a board wide PD day to obtain volunteer hours as part of the secondary school curriculum requirements.

Watershed Champion Alan and his son Alec coordinated details for students to attend the site to perform maintenance and participate in an educational hike.

A heavy snowfall the night before concealed litter at the meeting place but this did not deter students. Scraping away the snow, students collected 10 large garbage bags of litter and removed illegally dumped construction debris at the south entrance to the park.

Staff then led the group along the trail pointing out wildlife tracks made by deer, coyote and rabbits.

Upon arriving at a newly restored area, students installed approximately 50 metres of deer fencing which is necessary to prevent wildlife browse on newly planted native trees and shrubs. Students also tied blue flagging tape at intervals along the fence to alert and prevent deer running into the fence. The group also spread mulch around plant material from a previous community based restoration area.

Engaging students to obtain volunteer hours allows them the opportunity to understand natural spaces in urban areas, educates on local native wildlife and strategies and maintenance needed for plant material to survive. Removing litter and illegally dumped items prevents pollutants and contaminants from entering local waterbodies which pose health risks to both wildlife and humans.

Positive Environmental Impacts

Garbage Removed lbs.	Mulch Spread in Existing Plot	Deer Fence Installed	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
~250 lbs.	~ 4 yds	~50 metres	7	49

