

WATERSHED *moments*




LOCATION:
Colonel Sam Smith Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday April 21, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Toronto, City of Toronto

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
City of Toronto, Watershed Champion Alan Roy,
Local Residents



Colonel Sam Smith Park, Watershed Wide Community Cleanup

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in partnership with Watershed Champion Alan Roy, hosted a Watershed Wide Community Cleanup event at Colonel Sam Smith Park.

Despite less than favorable weather conditions, a very dedicated group of 60 members of the public showed up to help remove approximately 600 lbs. of litter and debris from the surrounding shoreline and naturalized areas to prevent it from entering the water system. Items collected included: plastic and glass bottles, food take-out containers, and scrap metal pieces.

Removing litter and garbage from our waterways and natural areas is important due to the negative effects that it has on water quality and humans, fish and wildlife health. Plastics can persist in the environment and over time, can break down into microplastics which can be mistaken for food by fish and wildlife. Once ingested, these microplastics can prove fatal to wildlife.

Removing illegal waste and litter is an important engagement opportunity to improve the overall health and function of our watershed and help raise awareness around the everyday products we use, the waste we generate, and the importance of disposing of garbage properly.



Positive Environmental Impacts

# of Bags Collected	Pounds of Litter Removed	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
40	600	139,000	60	300