

WATERSHED *moments*



LOCATION:
Heart Lake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday June 1, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Region of Peel, Four Colours Drum Circle, Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, Sierra Club Peel



Heart Lake Conservation Area (HLCA), Medicine Wheel Garden and Pollinator Plot Maintenance

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) welcomed members of Four Colours Drum Circle, Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation and Sierra Club Peel at HLCA for an annual maintenance activity at the pollinator plots and Medicine Wheel Garden (Gitigaan Mashkiki).

The group was welcomed by Four Colours Drum Circle who performed a traditional Aboriginal Welcome and Drumming Ceremony to honour the garden and placed an offering of tobacco and berries on the Grandfather and Grandmother stones around the centre of the garden.

The group quickly got busy removing invasive weeds and thinning out the plots. The Three Sisters garden, which includes beans, squash and corn being planted together, was prepared. The strength of the corn stalks support the beans and the shade of the spreading squash retain moisture for the growing crop.

The Medicine Wheel Garden is maintained by Watershed Champions Steve and Cidalia from Four Colours Drum Circle. Their ongoing commitment in tending the garden has resulted in successful growth and control of encroaching invasive vegetation of the medicinal plants in each of the four quadrants.

Engaging local groups to participate in these activities provides a better understanding to the importance of maintaining natural areas and the value of pollinator habitat for local native pollinator species.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Wildflowers	100	40	~25	75



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