

WATERSHED *moments*



Marie Curtis Park Community Watershed Wide Clean Up

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with the Friends of Marie Curtis Park, hosted a spring “PLALKING” event at Marie Curtis Park, located at the mouth of the Etobicoke Creek on Lake Ontario.

PLALKING is the blend of the Swedish word *plogga* which means “pick” and walking. PLALKING is not only good for your health by providing a fun way to exercise, but also allows people to enjoy nature and do some good for the planet by picking up litter.

While the temperature was on the cool side, participants warmed up by taking a hike and learning about local flora and fauna around Marie Curtis Park. During and following the hike portion of the event, participants cleaned up over 1,538 square metres of shoreline and naturalized areas around the park and collected 39 bags of garbage weighing just over 355 pounds.

Removing litter and garbage from waterways and natural areas is important to water quality, which affects both wildlife and human health. Plastics persist in the environment and do not fully break down if not removed. Plastics become smaller over time and become what is known as microplastics. These smaller pieces are more difficult to collect and can be fatal to wildlife when mistaken for food.

Positive Environmental Impacts

# of Participants	# of Garbage Bags	Total Weight (lbs)	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)
40	39	355	1,538



LOCATION:
Marie Curtis Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday April 7, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
City of Toronto

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
City of Toronto, Friends of Marie Curtis Park and Local Residents

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