

WATERSHED *moments*



LOCATION:
Kiwanis Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday April 28, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
City of Brampton, Region of Peel, Local Residents



Kiwanis Memorial Park, Community Watershed-Wide Clean-Up

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with the City of Brampton, hosted a spring watershed-wide cleanup event at Kiwanis Memorial Park.

Prior to getting started, TRCA staff provided participants with a safety talk and then equipped the participants with gloves, garbage bags and pickers.

Working along the riparian zone of the creek and throughout the park area, this enthusiastic group collected 33 bags of garbage weighing just over 220 pounds.

Removing litter and garbage from waterways and natural areas is important due to its negative impact to water quality, affecting both wildlife and human health. Plastics persist and do not fully break down and if not removed quickly, get smaller over time becoming what is known as microplastics. These small microplastics are difficult to remove from the water system and are often mistaken as a food source to wildlife. When ingested, these small particles can prove to be fatal.

These types of activities also help raise awareness of products used and when inappropriately disposed of, compromise sensitive waterways and ecosystems. Participants are guided and educated on proper waste disposal to protect natural areas within their neighbourhood.



Positive Environmental Impacts

# of garbage bags	Total Weight (lbs)	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Total Participant Hrs
33	220	17,901	28	65

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