

WATERSHED *moments*



LOCATION:
Heart Lake Road, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Friday August 23, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF),
Peel Conservation Youth Corps Students



Heart Lake Road, Watershed-Wide Cleanup and Learn to Fish with Conservation Youth Corp

Toronto and Conservation Authority's (TRCA) Watershed-Wide Cleanup program was conducted along Heart Lake Road between Sandalwood Parkway and Countryside Drive by a group of Conservation Youth Corps students. This stretch of Heart Lake Road is surrounded by designated Provincially Significant Wetlands with an abundance of wildlife and diverse ecosystems. These wetlands are negatively impacted by illegal dumping of construction materials, household garbage, and litter.

TRCA welcomed participants from Conservation Youth Corps (CYC) who attended the site to assist in removing litter and debris from the area. Along the way, youth sighted wildlife such as leopard frogs, trumpeter swans, and a small snapping turtle. TRCA's CYC program engages secondary school students in Peel and York Regions to gain environmental awareness and hands-on field experience. These activities provide students with 35 hours of curriculum-based volunteerism they are required to perform throughout secondary school studies.

Items collected included; plastic garbage bags, plastic bottles, cans, beer and liquor bottles, cutlery, cups, wrappers and trays from fast food restaurants, children's toys, and hundreds of cigarette butts.

Once students completed the clean-up, they were engaged in the Learn to Fish program where they were taught basic fishing rules, regulations and licensing for sustainable fishing.

By participating in these types of stewardship activities, students, local residents, and community groups contribute to enhancing natural areas and gain a better understanding of the importance of protecting these sensitive wetlands.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Garbage Bags Collected	Weight of Garbage (lbs)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
13	147	30	90+

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