

WATERSHED *moments*



LOCATION:

Heart Lake Conservation Area (CA), Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:

Monday May 6, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:

Region of Peel, City of Brampton

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
Four Colours Drum Circle, Central Peel Secondary
School Students and Teachers



Heart Lake CA, Medicine Wheel Garden (MWG) Maintenance with Central Peel SS Students

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Four Colours Drum Circle hosted a group of very enthusiastic students from Central Peel Secondary School at TRCA's Medicine Wheel Garden (Gitigaan Mashkiki) located in Heart Lake Conservation Area to perform maintenance on the garden and surrounding pollinator plots.

For several years, TRCA staff have been working with the local community creating pollinator plots to provide habitat for native pollinator species. Local residents, community groups, corporate groups and students, have planted a variety of native wildflowers which bloom from May to October providing food and shelter for native bees, hummingbirds, insects and butterflies.

Members of Four Colours Drum Circle welcomed the group, performed a welcome and drumming ceremony, and provided information about the garden highlighting its significant features. They also spoke on the origin of the Medicine Wheel Garden and ongoing efforts to keep it maintained throughout the year.

After a health and safety talk, the group got underway with maintenance activities on the pollinator plots, and extracted invasive buckthorn from the surrounding area.

By participating in these types of stewardship activities, students contribute to enhancing natural areas and gain a better understanding to the importance of providing habitat for pollinators and wildlife.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Plots Maintained	# of burdock removed	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
6	20	55	40	120



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