

WATERSHED *moments*



LOCATION:

Heart Lake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:

Tuesday July 23, 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, Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell



Heart Lake Conservation Area (HLCA), Medicine Wheel Garden (Gitigaan Mashkiki) Tour with Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), welcomed Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, and members of her staff at Heart Lake Conservation Area's (HLCA) Medicine Wheel Garden (Gitigaan Mashkiki).

The group were welcomed by Four Colours Drum Circle who performed a traditional Aboriginal Welcome and Drumming Ceremony to honour the garden, and provided a brief overview highlighting the concept of the garden. Traditional medicinal wildflowers were planted to commemorate the visit.

The group placed an offering of tobacco and berries on the Grandfather and Grandmother stones around the center of the garden. This gesture is to respect and honour the spirit of the medicinal plants located in the four quadrants.

Four Colours Drum Circle presented Honourable Dowdeswell with a dream catcher made by one of the members as a token of remembrance.

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



Positive Environmental Impacts

| Vegetation Planted | # of Pieces Planted | Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.) | # of Participants | Participant Hrs Contributed |
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| Wildflowers | 10 | 20 | 15 | 30 |



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