

WATERSHED *moments*



LOCATION:
Arsenal Lands, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday June 1, 2019

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Mississauga

IN COLLABORATION WITH:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
City of Mississauga, Small Arms Society and Local
Residents



Arsenal Lands Pollinator Seed Project

The Arsenal Lands have historically been a meadow habitat area abundant in native wildflowers attracting monarch butterflies and local native pollinator species. In recent years human activity and changes in vegetation species have resulted in a visible reduction to this habitat and sightings of pollinators.

The Small Arms Society (SAS), in collaboration with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), have started the Monarch Butterfly Project to help restore this environmentally significant area which aims to build and restore pollinator habitat, a greenhouse and a pollinator seed garden.

In 2018, a pollinator plot was created and enhanced with 400 native wildflowers planted by local community residents. This year, SAS and local residents established a pollinator seed garden. This garden will provide wildflowers which bloom throughout the year, providing much needed habitat, and provide a source of native wildflowers for local residents to transplant and create pollinator gardens on their properties.

Activities of this nature allow residents to become involved in improving the overall health and function of the watershed and provides a greater appreciation and understanding to the importance of natural spaces within urbanized settings.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Activity	Area Restored (sq m)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Create Pollinator Seed garden	600	12	36

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