

# WATERSHED *moments*




**LOCATION:**  
Humber Bay Park, Mimico Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Saturday April 27, 2019

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
City of Toronto

**IN COLLABORATION WITH:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),  
City of Toronto, Friend of Humber Bay Park and Local  
Residents



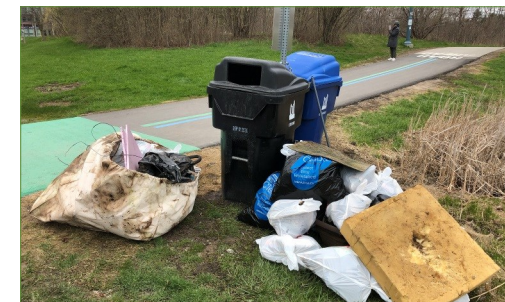
## Humber Bay Park Watershed Wide Cleanup with Friends of Humber Bay Park and Local Residents

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in collaboration with the City of Toronto, Friends of Humber Bay Park and local community residents, hosted a watershed cleanup at Humber Bay Park on April 27.

Cigarettes and cigarette butts were the most commonly collected item throughout the site. Cigarette butts that are discarded do not break down, and leach out toxic chemicals which can contaminate waterways, and negatively affect native fish and aquatic species.

Conducting clean-ups along our waterways and natural areas is very important because of the significant negative impacts that litter and garbage have on both human and wildlife health. Plastics in particular persist for a long time and never fully break down. If not removed from these natural areas, plastics gradually break down into smaller pieces known as microplastics. These small pieces are harder to collect, are often mistaken as a food source to wildlife, and when ingested can be fatal.

Clean-ups within local valleys and greenspace areas provide an important engagement opportunity. They provide valuable learning opportunities to the importance of disposing garbage properly and allow a greater appreciation of natural areas.



### Positive Environmental Impacts

# of Garbage Bags	Total Weight (lbs)	Total Area Enhanced (sq.m.)	# of Participants	# of Hours Contributed
91	1,190	242,000	70	210

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