

# WATERSHED *moments*




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

**DATE:**  
Sunday October 6, 2019

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Region and 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 East 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 residents, hosted a Watershed Wide Cleanup activity at Humber Bay Park.

Litter and debris was removed from both terrestrial and aquatic environments in the park. Some of the more interesting finds included shopping carts stuck in Mimico Creek, construction debris, and car parts that had washed up along the shoreline of the park.

Conducting clean-ups along waterways and natural areas is very important because of the significant negative impacts on the natural environment, posing health threats to both humans and wildlife. Plastics in particular, persist for a long time and never fully break down. If plastics debris is not removed, they gradually break down into smaller pieces known as microplastics, are harder to collect and enter water systems more easily. Research has revealed that plastics and microplastics are found at various depths in the water and are often mistaken as a food source to wildlife, and when ingested, can be fatal.

Clean-ups within valley lands and greenspaces areas provide an important engagement opportunity to improve the overall health and function of the watershed. They also provide valuable learning opportunities to better understand the impacts of littering, the importance of proper garbage disposal and encourage 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
50	464	242,000	75	225

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