

2012 Accomplishments

Peel Wide Stewardship Day

Date: April 26, 2012

Location: Heart Lake Conservation Area

Watershed: Etobicoke Creek

Region: Peel

Municipality: Brampton

Partners: TRCA, Region of Peel, City of Brampton, Peel Aboriginal Network, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance, St Roch Catholic SS



A group of 84 Grade 9 students and teachers from St. Roch Catholic Secondary School planted 100 native trees and shrubs at the Heart Lake Conservation Area expanding the naturalized areas in the park and providing habitat and food for local wildlife. An educational Aboriginal activity was performed to welcome spring and thank Mother Earth. Arborists from the City of Brampton demonstrated tree maintenance techniques and gave a presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer. The students also used special tools called “Extractigators” to remove a large area of buckthorn, an invasive species which crowds out native vegetation. These stewardship events help raise awareness and understanding of the local natural environment.

Vegetation Planted	# of Pieces Planted	Enhanced Area m ²	Participants	Total Volunteer Hrs
Trees	50	300	84	420
Shrubs	50	110		
Total	100	410	84	420