

Etobicoke Valley Park Garlic Mustard Pull

Date: May 15, 2010

Location: Etobicoke Valley Park

Watershed: Etobicoke Creek

Region: Toronto

Partners: TRCA, City of Toronto, Biodiversity Education and Awareness Network (BEAN), Community Volunteers

An energetic group of 12 community volunteers donned gloves to participate in an event at Etobicoke Valley Park to help manage the spread of garlic mustard. The group worked with TRCA and City of Toronto staff to pull garlic mustard seed plants which can easily take over an area and crowd out other native plants. Volunteers also planted some native wildflowers in the targeted areas to help prevent the future growth and spread of garlic mustard in the area.



Garlic Mustard produces thousands of seeds per square meter, which spreads far and wide by animal and human activities. It takes a very short period of time before it crowds out native vegetation which provides food and habitat for wildlife.

Vegetation Type	# of Vegetation Planted	Total Enhanced Area m ²	Total amount of Garlic Mustard Removed	#of volunteers	Volunteer Hrs Contributed
Native Wildflowers	300	150	12 Lg Garbage Bags	12	36