

# 2014 Accomplishments

## Heart Lake CA, Branksome Hall Day of Service

**Date:** November 7, 2014

**Location:** Heart Lake Conservation Area

**Watershed:** Etobicoke Creek

**Region:** Peel

**Municipality:** Brampton

**Partners:** TRCA, Region of Peel,  
Branksome Hall Faculty and Staff



Branksome Hall Faculty and Staff came to Heart Lake CA for their annual Community Day of Service. This enthusiastic group of 30 were split into two teams to help tackle the restoration projects planned for the day. One team conducted a clean up along Heart Lake Rd collecting 12 large garbage bags of debris along with several large items from the Provincially Significant Wetlands bisected by Heart Lake Rd. These efforts will help protect this sensitive habitat for the diverse wildlife that live within. The other team took a short hike to the recently constructed meadow plots and thinned out plants, removed weeds and created a path around one of the plots. The maintenance of the meadow plots will help the native wildflowers and herbaceous plants thrive at this site and will assist the site with providing much needed habitat for native pollinator species. The group also took an interpretive hike along Heart Lake and had an opportunity to visit and learn about the Heart Lake Medicine Wheel Garden. These events provide participants with a better understanding of natural areas, as well as an opportunity to participate in stewardship activities that contribute to the enhancement of these areas.



### Positive Environmental Impacts

Garbage Collected	Weeds Extracted	Participants	Participant Hrs
12 Lg Bags, ~600 lbs	~500 lbs	30	120