



Habitat Restoration Project 2007

- Duffins Creek: Ajax, Ontario -

Great Canadian Shoreline Clean Up

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The Great Canadian Shoreline Clean Up is a national event that the OFAH has participated in during previous years. For this event, in collaboration with TRCA a site was chosen on the Duffins Creek watershed that would best benefit from a concerted cleanup effort. Approximately 50 students of the Ecosystem Management Program at Fleming College participated in this event held on September 21st for a 2 hour period (figure 1). The students collected over 18 garbage bags of debris, in addition to bicycles, shopping carts, propane tanks, clothes, shoes, cement bags and miscellaneous other items (figure 2). Staff from the Town of Ajax public works department later picked up the debris for permanent removal. The project has aesthetic benefits in addition to the environmental benefits such as improved water quality in the creek.



Figure 1: Fleming College students pose for a local reporter with a sample of the garbage they have collected from Duffins Creek during the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean Up.



Figure 2: Some of the garbage that was collected during the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean Up event on Duffins Creek.