



Habitat Restoration Project 2007
- Cobourg Brook: Baltimore, Ontario -

Holmes Property Riparian Planting

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The Holmes property has been the site of earlier projects, both a woody debris clean up in 2006 and a riparian planting of 2,000 white cedar seedlings in April of 2007 (figure 1). Cobourg Brook dominates the southern and eastern boundaries of this property and had relatively minimal riparian vegetation. An area that was at moderate risk of experiencing bank failure was identified as a planting site. On May 28th and May 29th a high school and public school from the Peterborough area were engaged to assist with the plantings. Over two days two separate high school classes and a grade four class were paired up and succeeded in planting 500 white cedar seedlings. The seedlings and instruction on proper planting technique was provided by TOF. There were 71 youth volunteers and 12 adult volunteers, who put in 83 hours and planted 20,000 m² of shoreline (figure 2). Figure 3 is an image of the site in 2008, after the logjam removal and successful riparian planting.



Figure 1: High school students planting white cedar on the Holmes property.



Figure 2: Group of volunteers planting on Holmes Property.



Figure 3: Photo taken in 2008; Logjam creation from 2006, and riparian planting from 2007.