



Habitat Restoration Project 2007

- Duffins Creek: Ajax, Ontario -

Paulynn Park Riparian Planting

Habitat Project Lead: *Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH)*

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This project was run in conjunction with the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean Up and was completed by the same group of Fleming students. The 51 volunteers planted 500 bare root white cedars in a low-lying area of Paulynn Park, which is a municipal park that is being heavily encroached upon by development (figures 1 & 2). The area that was planted is adjacent to Duffins Creek and generally floods in the springtime. It was hoped that by planting the cedars a cedar swamp could be created close to the creek (but not connected to) that would aid in water retention, improve water quality and provide additional wildlife habitat.



Figure 1: Students planting bare root white cedars at Paulynn Park after the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean Up event in Ajax.



Figure 2: Fleming Students and TRCA staff pose for a group shot after both the clean up and planting at Paulynn Park.