



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

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## Earth Day Stream Clean Up and Riparian Planting

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The Pitch-In Canada Stream Clean Up & Volunteer Week Riparian Planting project was held on April 20<sup>th</sup> of this year, in the Town of Cobourg. There were 120 participants in this event and included high school students, OFAH staff, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority staff, municipal staff and politicians from the local up to the federal level (figure 1). The event kicked off with participants being divided up into one of six groups and started at designated areas along the creek. Participants then collected debris from the stream bank and from the stream itself, with the debris being dropped off for later pick up by town staff (figure 2).

After concluding the clean up phase of the day, participants were then bused up to a large private property where a large-scale riparian planting took place (figure 3). The planting of 2000 white cedar seedlings was completed through the assistance and contributions of the Trees Ontario Foundation (TOF). To better increase the survival rate of the seedlings, biodegradable brush mats were placed over approximately half of the seedlings.



**Figure 1:** Group of high school students participating in Pitch-In Canada Stream Clean Up in Cobourg.



**Figure 2:** Students collecting garbage as part of a cleanup the shoreline initiative.



**Figure 3:** Students planting cedar trees in an upland riparian area.