



Habitat Restoration Project 2008

- Duffins Creek: Pickering, Ontario -

Cherry Downs Golf Course Additional Fox Den and Snake Habitat

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On September 12th, after the successful removal of the cement bridge/culverts and placement of the river round stone at Cherry Downs Golf and Country Club, waste cement chunks were taken to a field location on the golf course. The golf course was working towards being Audubon certified and so to dispose of the large quantity of cement slabs taken from the stream we decided the golf course would benefit from a snake hibernaculum. The snake hibernaculum was 4m deep and 3m wide, just deep enough to be below the frost line and above the water table. Different size chunks of cement were strategically placed to fill the whole and providing interstitial spaces from snakes to inhabit (figure 1). The large culverts pulled from the stream were partially buried with one end open to create artificial fox dens on the golf course (figure 2).



Figure 1: Snake Hibernacula created on golf course after cement bridge demolition.



Figure 2: Fox den habitat created on golf course.