



## Habitat Restoration Project 2009

- Cobourg Brook: Cobourg, Ontario -

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### Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre Shrub Planting

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The Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre (O.E.C.) is located along portions of the Cobourg Brook. The Education Centre is highly visited and apparent trampling has been seen along the banks of the stream (figure 1). The idea of the shrub planting is to minimize erosion and increase the stability of the bank so that the O.E.C. can be continued to be used for many more years to come. The stream bank at the site had previously been fenced off so that trail users could not step on the failing slopes and also to fence off areas where the shrubs are being planted (figure 2). On August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 7 volunteers put in over 14 hours planted 33 dogwood shrubs along the Cobourg Brook at the Laurie Lawson O.E.C. (figure 3).



Figure 1: Image of unstable stream bank along Cobourg Brook at the Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre.



**Figure 2:** Fencing put in place along the bank to keep trail users back from failing slope and to protect newly planted dogwood shrubs.



**Figure 3:** Volunteers finished planting at Lawrie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre along the Cobourg Brook.