



## Habitat Restoration Project 2012

- Duffins Creek: Ajax, Ontario -

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### Earth Day Stream Clean-up

Habitat Project Lead: *Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters*

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The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program conducted an early Earth Week Event at Brock Ridge Community Park, Pickering, on April 11<sup>th</sup> the first for our program on Duffins Creek. It was supported by Ontario Power Generation Pickering Nuclear Plant. A group of 30 Pine Ridge Secondary School students walked from their school to the park and paired up with 30 Holy Redeemer Catholic School students to cleanup garbage along the shoreline with a total of 120 person-hours contributed by the groups. Over 1,028m of stream was cleaned by the students with the assistance of team leaders from Ontario Power Generation, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Fleming College and OFAH staff. The students pick up garbage along the stream bank with the help of adults (staff and volunteer) instream picking up trash and marking large items for safe removal. By cleaning up garbage in and along the stream we are improving the quality of migration routes for salmon and creating a healthier habitat for all stream inhabitants. Another benefit of this project is public awareness by giving the local students a sense of ownership for local watershed health.



Figure 1: Duffins clean-up group with the final pile of garbage.



**Figure 2:** Students cleaning up Duffins Creek in Brock Ridge Community Park.