



Habitat Restoration Project 2013 - Cobourg Brook: Cobourg, Ontario -

Earth Day Stream Clean-up

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The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program hosted our annual stream clean-up in the Cobourg Conservation Area, north from the Williams Street Bridge, as part of Earth Week activities. In partnership with the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority we had 23 high school and Fleming College students contribute over 46 person-hours, cleaning more than 870m of Cobourg Brook in the heart of Cobourg, Ontario. 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: Students cleaning up garbage along the stream.