



Habitat Restoration Project 2014
- Duffins Creek: Pickering, Ontario -

Brock Lands Decommissioned Pond Shrub Planting

Habitat Project Lead: *Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH)*

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The LOASRP hosted a planting activity at the site of a decommissioned pond, the final community group to plant the shoreline around the new channel was from Vimy Ridge Public School (Ajax). The shrubs protect cold groundwater outflows by slowing down runoff that is stored in the ground and feeds the main channel of Duffins Creek for a longer period of time. This is extremely important for migrating fish, such as Atlantic Salmon, that enter streams in the summer to spawn in the fall. The group of 50 Grade 8 students braved the cold weather on November 18, 2014 to plant 500 shrubs.



Figure 1: Vimy Ridge Public School students planting shrubs in the first snow of late November.



Figure 2: Volunteer with a frozen shrub.



Figure 3: Volunteer planting shrub.