



## Habitat Restoration Project 2015

- Duffins Creek: Ajax, Ontario -

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### Earth Day Stream Clean-up

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

Habitat Project Funding Lead: *Ontario Power Generation*

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The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program conducted an Earth Week Event at Brock Ridge Community Park, Pickering, on April 14<sup>th</sup> the forth for our program on Duffins Creek. It was supported by Ontario Power Generation Pickering Nuclear Plant. A group of 50 students cleaned up garbage along the shoreline with a total of 100 person-hours contributed by the group. Over 1,030m 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 trash and heavy items are marked for safe removal by park staff. 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: Student cleaning up garbage.