



## Habitat Restoration Project 2016 - Cobourg Brook: Cobourg, Ontario -

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### Cobourg Conservation Area - Earth Day Stream Clean-up

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The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program, partnered with the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority and the Town of Cobourg, hosted an Earth Week stream clean-up event at the Cobourg Conservation Area. A group of 18 high school students from Cobourg Collegiate cleaned litter along a 1,600m stretch of Cobourg Creek. The students picked up garbage along the stream bank with assistance from adults (staff and volunteer), while heavy or unsafe items were marked for safe removal by trained park staff. Clearing litter from Cobourg Conservation Area reduces the amount of garbage that enters Cobourg Creek. Keeping litter out of Cobourg Creek prevents the deterioration of in-stream habitat. An additional benefit of this activity is the public awareness raised amongst the students, creating a greater appreciation for local watershed health.



Figure 1: Students cleaning up garbage along Cobourg Creek.



**Figure 2:** During break time, students were given a demonstration of benthic invertebrates that live amongst the substrate of Cobourg Creek. This demonstration was provided by Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority staff.



**Figure 3:** The students from Cobourg Collegiate join together for a group photo upon completion of the garbage clean-up.