



**Habitat Restoration Project 2016**  
*- Duffins Creek: Claremont, Ontario -*

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**Transport Canada Pickering Lands - Claremont Public School Planting**

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

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The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program hosted a shrub planting event for students of Claremont Public School. This planting took place on the federally owned Pickering Lands site, just west of Claremont, ON. Once established, these shrubs will add to the riparian corridor of Mitchell Creek, a tributary to Duffins Creek. The shrub roots will stabilize the soils of the floodplain and the foliage will provide shade to the stream and surrounding areas. Keeping the water cold is important for Atlantic Salmon spawning grounds and habitat of the endangered Redside Dace. A total of 150 students planted 300 shrubs in a 1,426m<sup>2</sup> area. Each student planted for one hour, amounting to 150 volunteer hours.



Figure 1: The location of the Pickering Lands Claremont PS planting is indicated by the blue polygon. The town of Claremont is located just east of this image.