



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

Transport Canada Pickering Lands - Vimy Ridge Public School Planting

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The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program hosted a tree and shrub planting event for students of Vimy Ridge Public School. This planting took place on the federally owned Pickering Lands site, just west of Claremont, ON. Once established, these plants will add to the riparian corridor of Mitchell Creek, a tributary to Duffins Creek. The tree and 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 100 students planted 300 trees and 200 shrubs in a 2,869m² area. The planting was finished in three hours, amounting to 300 volunteer hours.



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



Figure 2: Grade 7 students from Vimy Ridge Public School come together for a group photo.



Figure 3: Grade 8 students from Vimy Ridge Public School come together for a group photo.