

# VALLEYBROOK PARK

## PROJECT GOAL

Valleybrook Park, located in Brampton, and is part of a system of parks located along Etobicoke Creek. In 2000, an opportunity to improve the stream and wildlife habitat in the park presented itself. The project aimed to involve the community in the planting of native trees, shrubs, and grasses; removal of garbage from the stream; and the construction and placement of bird boxes.

## THE NEED

Maintaining green spaces within developing urban



Volunteers from Girl Guides of Canada Planted 575 Trees and Shrubs along Etobicoke Creek

areas is key to preserving adequate habitat for various southern Ontario species. Wildlife corridors

along streams and rivers provide wildlife with the necessary connections between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Corridors also provide paths for migration to other suitable habitats.



Garbage Collected from Etobicoke Creek

As our urban areas grow, it is vital to involve the local community in the stewardship of these green spaces and educate the public on their importance. The involvement of volunteers in the Valleybrook Park project provides an ideal opportunity to increase awareness.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In April 2000, Ontario Streams partnered with the Girl Guides of Ontario to improve wildlife habitat in Valleybrook Park. In total, volunteers constructed and placed 45 bird boxes within the park and planted 350 native trees, 225 native shrubs, 1000 native grass and wildflower seedlings, 250 potted native plants, and 1lb of native grass seed along a 300m section of Etobicoke Creek.

## Partners

Funding for this project was provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Community Fisheries and Wildlife Improvement Program, and Environment and Climate Change Canada's

EcoAction Community Funding Program. Ontario Streams' staff was assisted by volunteers from the Girl Guides of Ontario and local community members. Over 145 hours of volunteer service were donated to complete this project.