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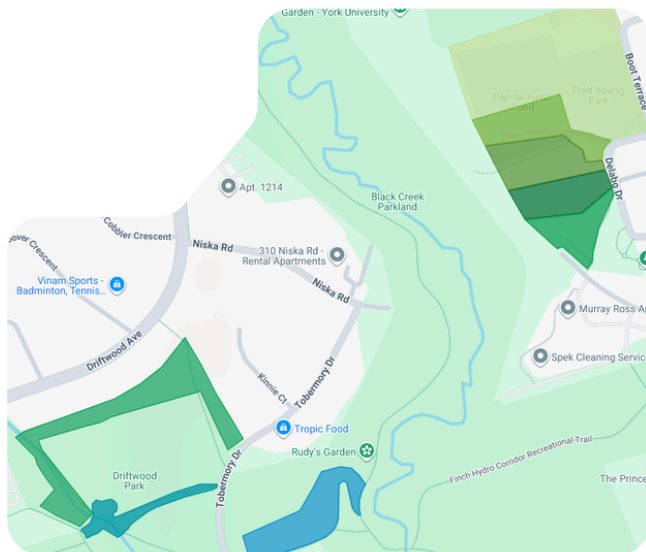
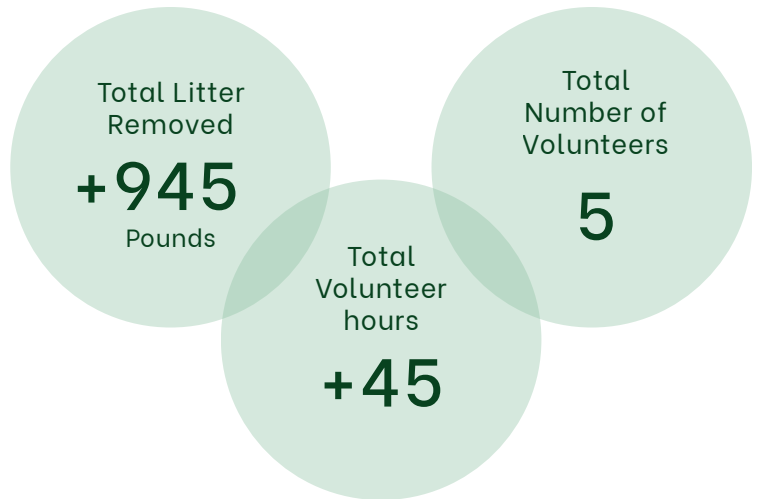
Executive Summary

This month's cleanup operations focused on consistent, data-driven plastic removal across Black Creek Parkland, Driftwood Park, Fred Young Park, Dan Lannuzzi Park, and the Dan Lannuzzi Pond, targeting both visible litter and hidden waste in forest interiors. These efforts continue to advance progress toward the goal of removing 1 tonne of plastic from Toronto's urban forests and green spaces by year-end, supported by on-site waste sorting, accurate tracking, and strong field leadership despite terrain and operational challenges.

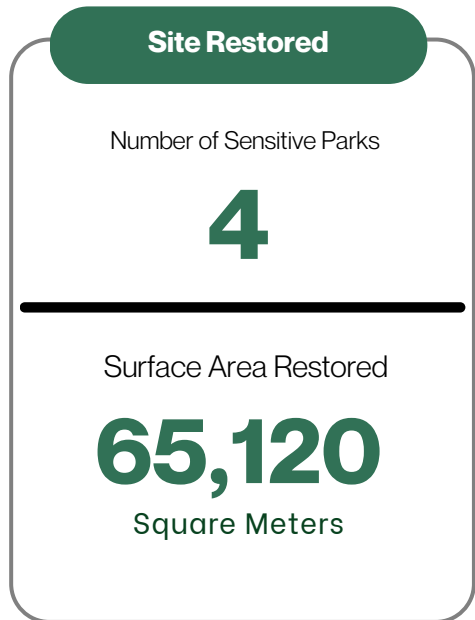


We removed 601 lb of plastic this month, the equivalent of pulling roughly 27,000 single-use plastic water bottles out of the woods

Engagement Trend



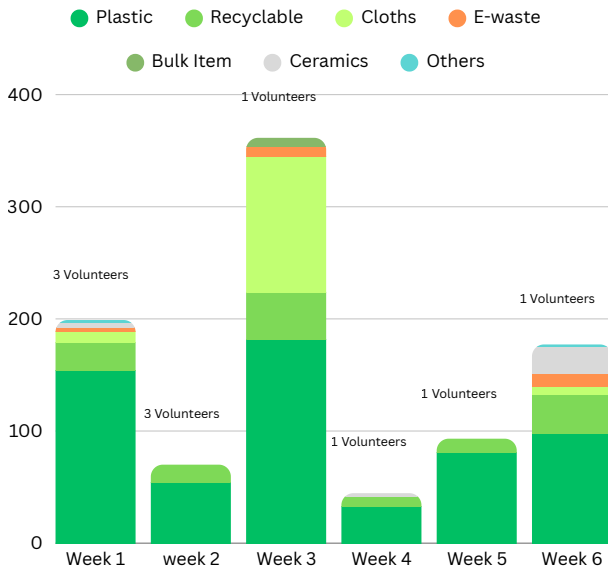
[Toronto Urban Forest Cleanup Map \(Click to Explore Our Live Interactive Map\).](#)



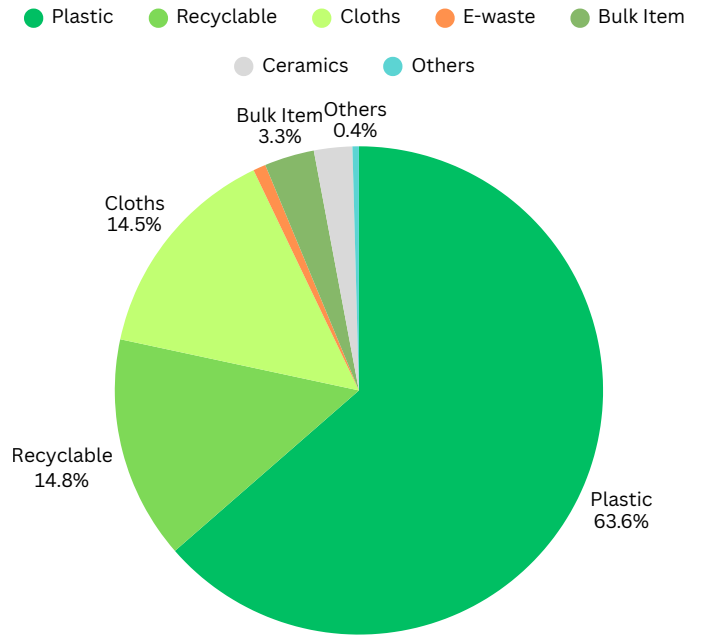


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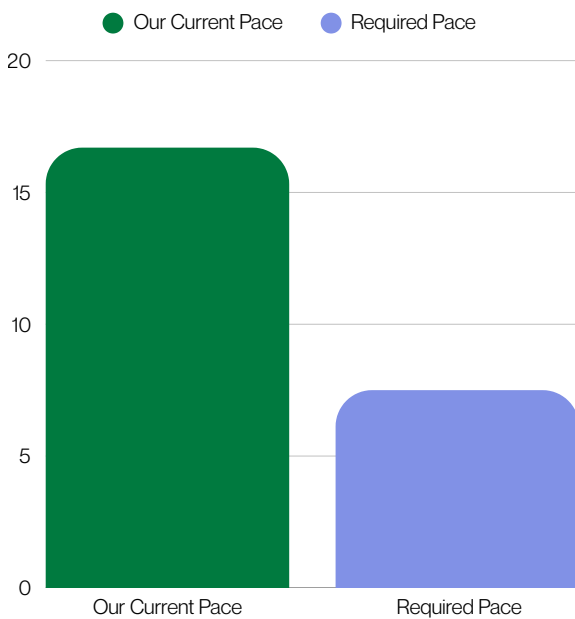
Litter Composition and Volunteer Turnout Per Week



Total Litter Removed from forest and green spaces



We are moving 2.2x faster than required!



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Days Ahead of Schedule

Projected Finished Date: September 4 (Goal: December 31)



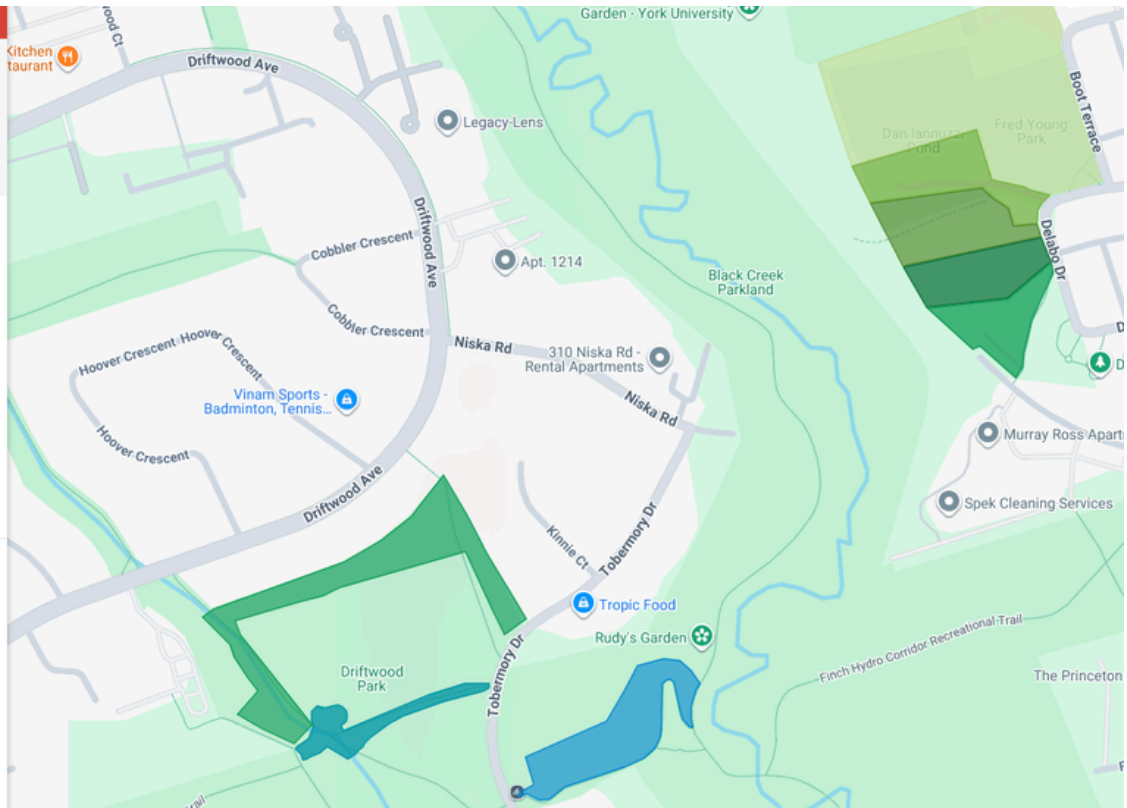
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- Week 5: (Black Creek Parkland) Restoration
- Week 6 Day 1: (Driftwood Park) Restoration
- Week 6 Day 2: (Driftwood Park) Restoration



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A Closer Look at Hidden Impact in Toronto's Urban Forests



Plastic litter in urban forest far beyond human sight and reach



Pile of litter after forest cleanup and sorting

The Discovery Reveal

Much of the plastic pollution affecting Toronto's urban forests is not immediately visible. Unlike standard cleanups along trails, roads, or park edges, our work focuses on deep forest interiors, ravine floors, and overgrown green spaces, areas where waste accumulates over the years without intervention.

This month, our efforts extended into sensitive zones across Black Creek Parkland, Driftwood Park, Fred Young Park, Dan Lannuzzi Park, and the Dan Lannuzzi Pond, where plastics were found buried, entangled in vegetation, and embedded in soil layers.

What we uncovered highlights a critical environmental reality:

- Plastics migrate through stormwater and become trapped in natural barriers
- Waste accumulates in ravine systems, especially after rainfall events
- Over time, plastics break down into microplastics, contaminating soil and water

Through targeted cleanup efforts, we helped restore approximately **65,120 m²** of urban forest and ravine floor by removing plastics that would otherwise continue to degrade in the ecosystem.

Why This Matters

These hidden zones are essential:

- They serve as wildlife habitats
- They support biodiversity and native vegetation
- They act as natural buffers against flooding and climate stress

By removing deeply embedded plastics, we:

- Protect wildlife from ingestion and habitat obstruction
- Prevent microplastics from entering waterways and eventually Lake Ontario
- Restore ecological function in under-maintained urban green spaces

This work represents a critical but often overlooked layer of environmental protection, one that complements municipal and national sustainability efforts, but requires dedicated, on-the-ground intervention.

Partnership & Sponsorship Opportunities

Invest in Toronto's Canopy with Environmental Education for a Better Earth Canada

Turning hidden pollution into measurable environmental impact.

Toronto's urban forests and ravines are vital to climate resilience, biodiversity, and community well-being. Protecting them requires collective effort. We invite organizations, institutions, and individuals to partner with us to deliver meaningful, measurable environmental impact.

Whether you contribute resources, time, or expertise, every form of support helps move us closer to restoring Toronto's urban forests.

Ways to Support Our Work

Canopy Friend

Support essential cleanup operations

- Helps provide gloves, safety gear, and waste materials for ongoing cleanups
- Recognition through community updates and social platforms
- Contributes directly to plastic removal efforts in urban forests

Ravine Guardian

Enable deeper environmental impact

- Supports cleanup efforts in high-impact forest and ravine zones
- Contributes to waste sorting, data tracking, and reporting
- Recognition across digital platforms and reports
- Opportunity to participate in team-based volunteer experiences

1-Tonne Victory Supporter

Contribute to large-scale environmental impact

- Helps accelerate progress toward our goal of removing 1 tonne of plastic from Toronto's urban forests by the end of the year.
- Recognition as a key sustainability supporter
- Opportunities for deeper collaboration, including team engagement activities and project visibility
- Featured in environmental reporting and outreach efforts

Why Partner With Us?

- Demonstrate meaningful ESG and CSR impact
- Support urban biodiversity and climate resilience
- Align with local and global sustainability initiatives
- Engage staff or community members in hands-on environmental action

Impact Snapshot

- ✓ 945+ pounds of waste removed
- ✓ 601+ pounds of plastic removed
- 🎯 Goal: 1 tonne of plastic removal

We welcome support at any level and are open to building partnerships that align with your goals.



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