

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CLEANUP ON SAWMILL CREEK**

The City Stream Watch program and its volunteers along with the National Defence Headquarters Fish and Game Club performed a cleanup of a three-kilometre stretch of Sawmill Creek on September 23<sup>rd</sup> as part of the TD Canada Trust Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup.



Councillor Clive Doucet kicked off the event by offering some words about the environmental importance of Ottawa’s local streams along with assisting with the cleanup effort by providing an extra set of hands. Volunteers focused on five polluted sites which extended from the Bank & Lester Road area to the Rideau River. Once again this year, due to community interest, a section of the Lester Road wetland area, between the Airport Parkway and Albion Rd was also cleaned. This was necessary due to litter, which collects along the road and eventually ends up in the surrounding wetlands.

After a morning of cleaning up the stream, volunteers were treated to a delicious lunch provided by the Monterey Inn Resort and Conference Centre who is a long time supporter of the program as well as the first carbon neutral Company in Canada.

Stream watch volunteers joined over 40,000 other Canadians as part of the nation-wide “Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup Day” cleaning up streams, lakes, oceans and beaches across the country.

A huge thanks goes out to the volunteers who participated in this event for making it a great success. Without your eagerness and dedication to the environment the City Stream Watch program would not have the significant level of community and agency support that it does today.



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