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Community Clean Up Big Success

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About seventy-five people spent their Saturday helping to clean up garbage dumped illegally in the southeast corner of Scugog Township. It was a significant first step in the project to begin restoring over 550 acres of land that is now known as East Cross Forest. Kawartha Conservation was given the land last fall and plans to restore and open it as a conservation area in 2009.

The East Cross Forest Community Clean Up was the first public event held onsite, and organizer Kristie Virgoe, manager, environmental protection and restoration for Kawartha Conservation was thrilled with both the community participation and the amount of garbage collected. "We are overwhelmed with the support of individuals, groups, local sponsors and Scugog and Regional Councils."

The Dyno Snowmobile and the Durham 4x4 Offroading Club and the Ontario Federation of Four Wheel Drive all contributed with member volunteers and equipment. The Port Perry M&Ms and Reid's Independent provided food, and the Port Perry and Lindsay Canadian Tire stores donated equipment.

For more information about the East Cross Forest initiative or to be added to the mailing list, visit www.kawarthaconservation.com or call 1 800 668-5722.

Kawartha Conservation is a watershed-based environmental organization focused on providing abundant clean water within a healthy landscape. It is one of 36 conservation authorities in Ontario providing natural resources management. The Kawartha Watershed intersects portions of the City of Kawartha Lakes; Township of Scugog; Township of Brock; Municipality of Clarington; Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey; and Township of Cavan-Monaghan.

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