



## Thank you for an amazing 2009!

In 2009, our generous donors and grantors enabled vital work to be done in your watershed. Along with our partner, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, we delivered what you want - improved water quality, a robust cold water fishery, environmental education for children and the protection of our natural features.

Our donors are just incredible! In 2009 they provided funding for over 40 restoration projects. With contributions from our funding partners, each dollar raised became \$4 and was directly invested to improve the health of the watershed. What incredible return on your investment! Eastern Creek (below), near Southlake Regional Hospital had stream banks that had become terribly eroded and were devoid of vegetation, which filters out

toxins in water runoff. Look at it now! In addition to our stream bank projects, we protected water sources on the lake and beyond, to ensure you have safer drinking water. Each year our donors enable children to go and experience the outdoors at Conservation Kids Camp at Sheppard's Bush in Aurora. At Scanlon Creek Conservation Area and in classrooms throughout the watershed, over 12,000 students a year receive environmental education. Plans are now underway at Scanlon Creek for a discovery play garden, trail upgrades, an arboretum and an off-leash dog park. As we look ahead to 2010, we congratulate you on a job well done! Please check our website for upcoming events and projects.



Eastern Creek in Newmarket before (Fall 2008)



Eastern Creek after (August 2009)

### *What We Do*

- *Lake Simcoe watershed restoration and protection*
- *Teaching children to Care – Scanlon Creek Conservation Area and Sheppard's Bush*
- *Good Science – Lake Simcoe on the Leading Edge*

### *How you can Help*

- *Sponsor or attend our famous 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conservation Dinner, April 16 2010 at the Riviera Parque in Concord*
- *Volunteer your time*
- *Donate*
- *Stay informed! Sign up via our website to get regular updates*
- *We would LOVE to hear from you. Please email or call us with comments or suggestions*

***We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.***

*~Native American Proverb*

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**Did You Know?**

- Lake Simcoe has 35 rivers flowing into it.
- A watershed is all the rivers, streams and land surrounding a lake.
- 400,000 people call the watershed home.
- The Lake Simcoe watershed contains over 14 municipalities
- Lake Simcoe is a source of drinking water for 8 communities and assimilates waste from 14 water pollution control plants.
- The biggest problem for Lake Simcoe is phosphorus levels. It promotes aquatic weeds which lowers oxygen levels available to coldwater fish.
- Lake Simcoe is the "Ice Fishing Capital" of Canada.

**Come to Family Day at Scanlon Creek  
Conservation Area  
Monday February 15 at 1:00pm  
Check our website for details!**