



## Garbage cleaned up in East Cross Forest

(Scugog, July 13, 2008) More than 80 people participated in the 2008 East Cross Forest Community Clean Up yesterday, collecting a massive amount of illegally dumped garbage.

Volunteers and Kawartha Conservation staff filled 3 40 cubic yard bins with everything from plastic bumpers and hubcaps to shingles and broken window frames. They also filled 3 drums with hazardous wastes such as motor oil, anti-freeze and paint, and pulled out 100 tires, 3 burnt out, rusted cars and 9,000 lbs of scrap metal.

This is the second year that Kawartha Conservation has held a community clean up event in East Cross Forest, located in the southeast corner of Scugog Township.

"We were overwhelmed and very pleased with the support of so many individuals, groups, local sponsors, and local councils again this year," said Kristie Virgoe, Kawartha Conservation's Manager of Environmental Protection and Restoration. "People are eager to help restore this magnificent piece of the Oak Ridges Moraine, and ensure its preservation for ecologically sustainable uses."

In addition to the garbage dumped on the property since the last clean up, Kawartha Conservation acquired an additional 282 acres that needed cleaning.

Current land holdings are now 832 acres, which will combine to form a new conservation area that is expected to open to the public in the spring of 2009.

Among the volunteers at this year's clean up were East Cross Forest neighbours, community members and members from the Cartwright Dyno's Snowmobile Club, Long Sault Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club, Port Perry Snowmobile Club, Durham 4x4 Club, and the Ontario Federation of Four Wheel Drive Recreationists.

Scugog Mayor Marilyn Pearce, Scugog Councillor Lynn Philip Hodgson and Clarington Councillor Ron Hooper also volunteered their time.

The Community Clean Up received funding from Durham Region, the Township of Scugog and the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, plus donations of water, food and supplies from Culligan (Peterborough), M & M Meat Shop (Port Perry and Lindsay), Kawartha Wholesale Bakery (Lindsay), and Tri Care Sanitation Supplies (Lindsay).

"It was a great day," said Virgoe. "With all of the garbage cleared, you can see how beautiful this place really is. Everyone's looking forward to when East Cross Forest Conservation Area is opened to the public next year."

For more information about the East Cross Forest initiative or to be added to the mailing list, visit [www.kawarthaconservation.com](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com) or call (705) 328.2271.

# East Cross Forest Community Clean Up, July 12, 2008



Kristie Virgoe welcomes volunteers to the 2008 East Cross Forest Community Clean Up and explains procedures



A Nissan Pathfinder that had been set on fire near the East Cross Creek headwaters is hauled out



Various garbage is hauled out of the forest and sorted



Containers of motor oil and a hubcap are found in the bush



Tires dumped in piles and scattered throughout East Cross Forest are collected



Some of the garbage collected near Devitts Road