

Careless abuse threatens streams

Haltos streams are a valuable resource, but care must be taken to prevent their unintentional abuse

The stream corridors of Halton Hills are a limited resource of the community and a natural feature of the landscape that are often taken for granted and unintentionally abused.

While many sections of streams in some corridors are quickly approaching critical levels in their ability to receive treated sanitary sewage and untreated storm water runoff and still sustain desirable lifeforms, other sections remain practically undisturbed and unaffected by development activity. In many urbanized and expanding communities, streams and valley land vegetation and wildlife are among the few remaining natural, living links with our history.

These natural, living corridors are important to man for the provision of cool water supplies, oxygen supply, species diversity and, historically, leisure opportunities for outdoor recreationists. The use of stream corridors for recreation may be detrimental to the fragile environment of these areas if activities are pursued without an aware-



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By Grant Lee

ness of their potential effects. Sites along streams most attractive to recreationists tend to slowly deteriorate through overuse to conditions unsuitable for most recreational activities. Not only do the expectations of recreationists diminish, but the environment of the stream corridor deteriorates as well.

Frequent use by recreationists and their associated activities have a most noticeable effect on soil and vegetation in the form of surface compaction of stream bank soils and reduction of ground cover. This environmental damage can lead to instances of sheet erosion followed by siltation of the stream, loss of topsoil, exposure of shrub and tree roots, reduction of soil organic

matter necessary for growth of other organisms and reduction in the water infiltration capacity of the banks that may in turn lead to unusually low levels of soil moisture content.

Trees and shrubs often suffer mechanical injuries such as mutilation by axes, scorching by cooking fires and sometimes elimination if seedbeds are compacted. Trampling of vegetation can also lead to the appearance of more traffic-tolerant species at the expense of the loss of sensitive or rare species.

The disruptive effects of activities related to the recreational use of stream corridors extends beyond changes to soil and vegetation.

Human waste in heavily frequented areas can seriously degrade water sources

for drinking and contact activities (e.g., swimming) at the same time causing biological contamination and nutrient enrichment of the stream.

Uncontrolled fires as always a possibility along frequently used sections of stream corridors. Fires have been shown to be responsible for eliminating actual and potential wildlife nesting and grazing sites. Burned-out areas also encourage the introduction of non-native pioneer species and elevated rates of erosion due to the destruction of living vegetative cover.

Aside from the obvious detractor from the beauty of an area, littering can increase the populations of noxious insects, birds and animals possibly leading to outbreaks of disease or poor animal health.

Aquatic habitats are often unintentionally ruined by recreationists who are able to use these areas with the help of technological advances in clothing (e.g. chest waders) and recreational vehicles.

High quality sections of stream corridors still remain in Halton Hills. If we wish to preserve these limited resources for future generations to enjoy, we must start

now to acknowledge their importance to the community. With an awareness that recreational activities along these natural corridors can sometimes seriously damage the environment, substantial progress can be made toward reducing unintentional

abuses. Attention could then be directed toward issues of immediate concern such as the diminishing capacity of streams to receive sewage and still sustain desirable lifeforms, knowing that efforts and expenses incurred are not wasted.

Halton 4-Hers choosing club executives

By NANCY SCHMIDT
Halton 4-H
HALTON 4-H HOMEMAKING ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
The Halton 4-H Homemaking Clubs held a very successful Achievement Program April 29 to conclude the spring project "Which Came First - The Chicken or The Egg". Ninety-eight members from eleven clubs completed the project.

A large number of family and friends enjoyed an evening of club presentations packed with imagination, information and entertainment. Special 4-H Homemaking Club Awards were presented to members who had completed six and 12 projects.

Members receiving County Honors for the completion of six projects were: Barbara Alexander, Paloma; Janet Baynton, Susan Deeler and Sue-Lin Clegg; Nassagaweya; Katherine Jones and Jennifer McLea of Dublin; Christeen Opstein of Hornby South; Valerie Plant and Cheryl Robinson of Ashgrove; and Helen Schwartz of Ballinacra.

The next project is "Ready, Get Set, Sew". Members will have the opportunity to sew a vest or skirt. For more information regarding joining a club or becoming a leader, please contact Nancy Schmidt, 1 Elizabeth St. S., Brampton, L6Y 1P7. Telephone: 451-5474 (Brampton) or 878-2314 (Millon office).

By JOHN McPHAIL
Halton 4-H
HALTON 4-H SWINE CLUB
The first meeting of the Halton 4-H Swine Club was held April 15. The meeting started with a film on swine management. Following the film there was the election of officers. The President is Richard Stanley; Vice-President - Kim Peck; Secretary - Gerhard Trehanus; and Press Reporter - John McPhail. Club Leaders are Dennis McClus, Tom Parker and Lance Peck. The meeting was adjourned.

By STUART McPHAIL
Halton 4-H
HALTON 4-H FARM MACHINERY CLUB
The first meeting of the Halton 4-H Farm Machinery Club was held at the Agricultural office April 21. Doug Miller, 4-H Co-Ordinator, opened the meeting with the 4-H Pledge followed by the election of officers.

The President is Scott Harris; Vice-President - Allan Cunningham; Secretary - David Wilson; and Press Reporter - Stuart McPhail. The members were given their books and projects and the marking system was discussed. Achievement Day is to be at the Halton Plowing Match September 12. The meeting was adjourned.

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