

## Media Release

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### **EARTH DAY CLEAN UPS CANCELLED DUE TO UNCOOPERATING WEATHER**

**WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON** – Three Earth Day Clean Ups around Whitchurch-Stouffville have been cancelled this weekend because of Mother Nature.

The three community clean up events scheduled for this Saturday at Byers Pond Park, Musselman’s Lake and the Stouffville Reservoir, have fallen victim to harsh winter weather that struck most of Southern Ontario this week.

“Not only has the snow and ice from this past weekend covered the ground, but it has also created some unsafe conditions,” said Brittany Wong, Recreation Programmer at the Town. “Musselman’s Lake certainly would not be safe for residents to be around with high water levels and ice.”

As of Wednesday, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority have elevated flood warnings or outlooks.

Gloves, bags and seedlings are still available at the Leisure Centre at 2 Park Drive if residents would like to clean up areas at other times according to Wong. Spring-like weather is expected to arrive next week with warmer temperatures.

“We would certainly encourage people to help clean up their neighbourhoods when the spring weather finally gets here,” Wong said.

Earth Day, an international day to recognize environmental protection, is Sunday April 22.

#### **About the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville**

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is one of the jewels of the GTA, located just north of Toronto on Highway 404. We are a community rich in heritage and character and we are committed to offering our residents and businesses ‘Country Close to the City’.

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