

## **The Taylor Massey Project (Andrew McCammon, TMP volunteer)**

### ***Reach by Reach* – Ontario's First Community-led Watershed Regeneration Plan**

Over the course of 2008 and 2009 the Taylor Massey Project, a 100% volunteer organization with an annual communications budget of about \$1,000.00, created what they believe is Ontario's first community-led watershed regeneration plan - a detailed, 55-page vision to regenerate Taylor Massey Creek, the most polluted tributary of the most polluted river in Ontario.

Building on agency initiatives and the knowledge of members who live along its banks, *Reach by Reach* provides:

- A detailed current conditions report of the watershed;
- Practical restoration objectives for each degraded reach of the Creek, focused on Water & Wetlands, Terrestrial Natural Heritage, and Trails, Signage, & Community Engagement;
- Cost estimates for prioritized regeneration efforts; and,
- Targets that can be assessed through enhanced monitoring and publicly-available data.

Specific recommendations to improve the health and biodiversity of the watershed include:

- That the City of Toronto allocate approximately \$5M over five years to regenerate the top five priorities, including a start to the planting 200,000 trees and shrubs in an abandoned hydro corridor;
- That there be increased enforcement and monitoring for both encroachment and property standards bylaws for properties abutting the Creek; and,
- That the Creek meet the provincial water quality objectives for e-coli 90% of the time by 2015.

*Reach by Reach* can be seen at [www.theTMP.org](http://www.theTMP.org) under Publications.

**More information:** [See Taylor Massey Project.pdf](#)