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Major Sediment Source In Stony Creek To Be Tackled By Volunteers

One of the major single sediment sources in Stony Creek at Blackalls Park will be tackled by volunteers this coming Sunday 27 February 2000. The project was initiated by the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise in conjunction with the Toronto Landcare Group. The Office of the Lake Macquarie and Catchment Co-ordinator is providing funds of \$2,000 to cover the cost of materials. Work will be undertaken around a disused causeway and eroding creek banks at the end of Rupert Street, Blackalls Park. During periods of rainfall this area is a major source of sediment including colloidal clays to Stony Creek. Work will consist of bank stabilisation and planting of native species to the area. This creek is one of three that feeds into the enclosed area known as Fennell and Edmunds Bay. These bays are known to be suffering from sedimentation and algal blooms and have been nominated for future remediation works estimated to cost \$2.5 million. It is important that the causes of sediment and nutrient in stormwater runoff from the catchment be identified and treated so as not to perpetuate the problems in the bays. The Lake Macquarie and Catchment Co-ordinator said, "It is particularly pleasing to see the community involved in improving the local environment."

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