

SCHOOL STREAM MONITORING PROGRAM 2017

Project partners Big Creek Connects, General Motors - Parma Plant are coordinating a 4th Annual Stream Monitoring Workshop with Brooklyn Intermediate School's 7th grade students and teachers. School Principal Mark Tanski noted that the program is "a wonderful, hands-on experience for our students". During this year's September 29th field trip, GM's environmental "E-team" and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District staff will join BCC to assist students in assessing stream habitat, gathering water samples and analyzing chemical and biological data from Stickney Creek, a tributary of Big Creek. Big Creek Connect's Executive Director Bob Gardin visits the student classrooms before and after the workshops to give greater depth to the experience, bringing with him GM staff or water resource professionals from NEORS and other agencies. Next spring, a tree sapling planting will be undertaken with the students to improve habitat and help prevent erosion along the stream's banks. Cleveland Metroparks and Cleveland Museum of Natural History staff joined BCC and GM employees working with students during the first planting in April.



Students collect samples with NEORS's Dr. Eric Soehnen