SCHOOL STREAM MONITORING PROGRAM 2018

Project partners Big Creek Connects and General Motors - Parma Plant completed its 5th Annual Stream Monitoring Workshop with Brooklyn Intermediate School's 7th grade students and teachers in September. During the field trip, GM's environmental "E-team" and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) staff helped BCC 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 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 NEORSD and other agencies. This May, the 2nd annual live-stake planting was undertaken with the students to improve habitat and help prevent erosion along the stream's banks. Funded primarily by the GM foundation, BCC is working on expanding the program with Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Menlo Park Academy and the Rhodes School of Environmental Studies.



Students collect samples with NEORSD's Dr. Eric Soehnlen