

SCHOOL STREAM MONITORING PROGRAM 2019

Project partners Big Creek Connects and General Motors-Parma Plant coordinated the 5th Annual Stream Monitoring Program with Brooklyn School's 7th grade class of about 90 students in September. New to the program this school year is Menlo Park Academy, a Cleveland charter school, whose four classes of about 200 students performed two stream monitoring workshops in October. The Brooklyn students returned to monitor Big Creek's Stickney Branch in Brooklyn Memorial Park, while the Menlo Park students monitored Big Creek's East and West Branches in Metroparks' Memphis Picnic Area. GM's environmental "E-team" and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS), Cleveland Metroparks, and Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District staff helped BCC assist students in assessing stream habitat, gathering water samples, and analyzing chemical and biological data. During Menlo Park Academy's full-day outing, Cleveland Museum of Natural History and Cuyahoga Community College staff led the classes on tours learning about geology, archeology, ecology, and watershed management.

Thanks to funding provided by the GM Foundation and NEORS, project partners are looking forward to adding a third school to its Fall 2019 stream monitoring program.

