



Summary of High School Field Trip

Monday, April 10, 2023

The High School Environmental Science class travelled by bus to two locations in South Hadley to sample benthic macroinvertebrates and compare the samples found at each location. A consultant from Fuss & O'Neill joined town staff, Rebekah Cornell, and Conservation Commission member Kathleen Davis on the field trip. Approximately ten students were present.

Stop 1: Pearl Street, Elmer Brook

This location is the town's only cold-water fishery and is a very healthy, clean stream. The students collect many samples of macroinvertebrates.



Stop 2: BATTERY BROOK ON MOUNTAIN AVE, JUST SOUTH OF TITUS POND

This location is at the outfall of the Mountain Ave culvert in an urban area of town. The students observed many invasive species along the brook, a lot more sediment, and fewer samples of macroinvertebrates.

