

### **BRWP activities in the Watershed...**

- **The fall macro invertebrate** study has been completed in The Outlet/Lye Creek subwatershed. Even though the water level was very low, Macro invertebrates that are found only in water that shows low levels of pollution were found. The macro invertebrate study in Riley Creek will be conducted in the next two weeks.



Sarah Betts identifies macro invertebrates trap in a seine net

- **The Stream Observation Walk** in the Riley Creek watershed has started with most of Little Riley Creek being completed. We are looking for the condition of the substrate, banks, and riparian corridor. We also GPS each section, the ditches, and the tile that we find. The picture below shows a streambank that is in need of restoration. Once the Watershed Action Plan for Riley Creek is endorsed, grant money to complete restoration activities will become available. There are still 20 sections that need to be walked. If you would like to volunteer, please call Phil Martin at 419-422-6487.



### **Upcoming Events....**

- **October 13 Steering Committee meeting in Bluffton at the Marbeck Center on Bluffton University Campus at 6:00 p.m. Watch for signs.**
- **October 21 Annual Meeting at the Hancock County Agricultural Center on CR 140 at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Continue Stream Observation Walks in the Riley Creek watershed. Contact Phil Martin at 419-422-6487 to volunteer.**

### **BRWP activities in the Watershed cont....**

- **Work on revision** of the watershed action plan for The Outlet/Lye Creek continues.
- **In preparation for** the gathering the data needed to start writing the watershed action plan for Riley Creek, a survey of 500 hundred stakeholders in the Riley Creek watershed will be conducted between October 1-31, 2010. Postcards will be mailed to all landowners along the Riley Creek and Little Riley Creek. The remaining participants needed to reach 500 have been randomly selected from landowners in the watershed.
- **GET THE WORD OUT.** The BRWP is finishing up the creation of new brochures and posters for to further educate and outreach to all stakeholders in the Blanchard River Watershed. Contact Phil Martin at 419-422-6487 if you would like to have some of these items.
- **Web Site.** Much work has been done on our Web Site. There is more work to do. Please visit our site at <http://www.blanchardriver.org>
- **August River Clean-up.** The BRWP sponsored a river clean-up on August 21, 2010. About 100 freshman from the University of Findlay, along with several stakeholders cleaned close to 4 miles of riverbanks and 1 mile of in the water river. 1.4 tons of trash was collected and over 75 tires were removed. Special thanks to Pat Westrick, HO Services, Bob Connour, and UF for their help
- **Membership.** Membership renew and new members are being sought for 2011. Information and letters will be coming out in the next few weeks. **Please renew your membership** or become a member for the first time. Your help in funding our work is greatly appreciated. Watch for renewal letters in the mail.
- **Goals for the remainder of 2010 and into 2011...**
  1. Endorsement of The Outlet/Lye Creek Watershed Action Plan. This will be the first action plan endorsed in the Western Lake Erie Basin.
  2. Start the process of writing the action plan for the Riley Creek Watershed.
  3. Continue the building of stakeholder groups in each of the six subwatersheds.

