

Ontario Science and Technology Curriculum Connections

Essential interactions and restoration approaches within the Twelve Mile Creek watershed provide a rich case study to support learning. The Bring Back the Brookies video series, website material and associated outdoor activities align with research and investigation in the following Grade 7, 8 and 9 units of the Ontario Science and Technology Curriculum.

Grade Level and Topic	Big Idea
Grade 7: Interactions in the Environment	 Ecosystems are made up of biotic (living) and abiotic (non-living) elements, which depend on each other to survive. Ecosystems are in a constant state of change. The changes may be caused by nature or by human intervention. Human activities have the potential to alter the environment. Humans must be aware of these impacts and try to control them.
Grade 7: Heat in the Environment	Heat has both positive and negative effects on the environment.
Grade 8: Water Systems	 Water is crucial to life on Earth. Water systems influence climate and weather patterns. Water is an important resource that needs to be managed sustainably.
Grade 9 Science SNC1D: Biology: Sustainable Ecosystems	 Ecosystems are dynamic and have the ability to respond to change, within limits, while maintaining their ecological balance People have the responsibility to regulate their impact on the sustainability of ecosystems in order to preserve them for future generations.
Grade 9 Science SNC1P: Biology: Sustainable Ecosystems	 Ecosystems consist of a variety of components, including, in many cases, humans. The sustainability of ecosystems depends on balanced interactions between their components. Human activity can affect the sustainability of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.