

Newfane Intermediate School and Town of Newfane Environmental Fair

Funds from Empire State Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society's Environmental Activities Fund provides support for the Newfane Environmental Fair.

The Newfane Intermediate School and Town of Newfane held their 2nd Annual Environmental Fair on June 13, 2005, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Fisherman's Park in Burt, New York. Participating in this year's event were 54 students from the Newfane Intermediate School along with 12 teachers and parents. The students were broken down into small groups and rotated through seven learning stations located around Fisherman's Park and along 18 Mile Creek. Each learning station provided the students with information on such topics as conservation facts, wildlife rehabilitation, water quality protection, tree and shrub planting and restoring 18 Mile Creek.

The new addition to this year's event was Genesee County Cornell Cooperative Extension's SMART Center Mobile Unit. Funding to bring the SMART Center and the instructors to this year's event was provided by a grant from the Empire State Chapter's Environmental Activities Fund. Gary Pogorzelski, School Principal in his letter of appreciation to the Chapter stated the *"The SMART Unit was a big success"*; participants learn how to protect water quality and learned about water conservation and how to make better choices to protect our natural resources. Principal Pogorzelski closed his letter to the Chapter with *"Thank you again for helping to fund an important part of our Environmental Fair. We really appreciate your dedication to conservation education."*



Mark Seider (Niagara County SWCD) talks to students about restoring 18 Mile Creek



SMART CENTER MOBILE UNIT



Genesee CCE Instructors Pat LaPoint and Barb Sturm talk to students about making the right choices to protect our water resources.