



# Blue Thumb—In Pictures

## October 2021



### Citizens Come Full Circle

This month, several stakeholders participated in a joint Blue Thumb/Soil Health Full Circle Citizenship training to learn about the relationship between healthy soil and healthy water. The training was held in the Little Beaver Creek watershed in Stephens County. Little Beaver Creek is one of two major tributaries that flow into Waurika Lake, an important drinking water supply for the area.



Left: Cheryl talks about some of the critters that live in the creek and how important they are to the ecosystem.



Right: Blaine Stacy of the OCC Soil Health Program demonstrates the way different soils retain rainwater and what you can do in order to make sure that your soil is healthy.



Left: Amy Seiger of the OCC Soil Health Program shows how long the soil takes to absorb the water, and what that means for the health of the soil.

## Bug Picking Begins!

Students at Oklahoma City University participated in one of several bug picks across the state this month. They picked two samples: one from the creek they monitor monthly and another from the panhandle. They also participated in a Quality Assurance session!



## Monarchs on the Mountain

Cheryl took Blue Thumb and the Yard by Yard project to Turkey Creek in Tulsa for Monarchs on the Mountain! Lots of people stopped by to learn more about Blue Thumb and how they can be better stewards!



## Education, Education, Education

With the weather turning cooler, outdoor classrooms are beginning to pick back up! The Oklahoma City Conservation District hosted an outdoor classroom at Camp Shiloh, where kids got to go through the water cycle using the Incredible Journey! In Haskell County, kids learned about water conservation and why it is important for the fish as Blue Thumb helped out with their Fishing Clinic!



Photo by Becky Inman of the OKC Conservation District.

