BHS students get a hands-on lesson in environmental science

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BELMONT - Environmental science lessons
tended outside the classroom last Friday when Belmont
High School teacher Dan Powers took some of his
students to the Teddy Bear Creek Preserve and
the Tewantin-Nobbe Environmental Center at
Route 142, to learn about aquatic ecosystems and
plant life.

Powers, who teaches environmental science and
life science, arranged for the day's activities after
the students from the Belchertown High School
Science Club visited the preserve last month.

He said the students from Belchertown had
been inspired to learn more about the preserve's
benefits for the local ecosystem.

The group of eight students, including
senior Ashley Mercado, spent the morning
exploring the preserve and learning about the
various species of plants and animals that
coexist there.

Mercado said the group was impressed
at how well the preserve was maintained and
how it contributed to the local ecosystem.

"I think it's really important to see how
all these different species work together and
how they help each other," she said.

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