The short term goal for the Collaborative in 2016-17 is to learn about fresh water environmental issues that impact our region like harmful algal blooms and storm water runoff.

The long term goal is to cultivate a group of students who care about the environment (including access to clean fresh water) in the places they live and go to school.

- 87 percent of the 47 students surveyed indicated field work on Lake Erie contributed to meeting both long and short term goals.
- 83 percent of the students reported analyzing data they generated themselves helped them understand complex concepts.
- 72 percent indicated presenting their work to their peers contributed to building a sense of community.
- 44 of the 47 students (94 percent) indicated they would like to return to Kelleys Island, and of those, 27 wanted to learn more about the health of Lake Erie, water quality, and/or harmful algal blooms.
- 11 of 15 teachers from cohorts one and two have requested to bring students to Kelleys Island and West Creek in 2018-19.
- Teachers report that students who participated were more engaged and more willing to try something new during the remainder of the school year.
- For many students, it was the first time on a boat, taking a night hike, and/or being away from home for more than one night.