

New Jersey Conservation POSTER CONTEST



Where Does Your WATER Shed?

2013

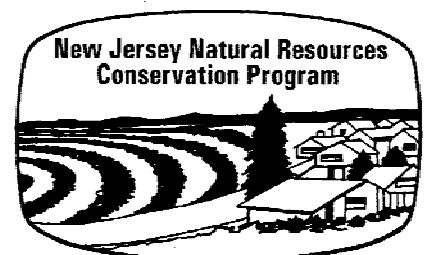
Prizes for
Statewide
Competition
1st Place \$200
2nd Place \$100
3rd Place \$50



The New Jersey
Conservation Poster
Contest is open to all
students in grades 2-12
and students compete
in grade categories.
Local Soil Conservation
District prizes are also
awarded!

Contest Sponsors:

The NJ Department of Agriculture, the NJ Association of
Conservation Districts and your local Soil Conservation District





Who Can Participate ?

The Poster Contest is open to all students in grades 2-12 — public, private, home schooled and youth groups included.



Why Participate ?

Designing a poster and researching the theme can give you a voice in your community about important conservation issues. Good posters capture people's attention and deliver stories in a way that everyone can understand. A powerful graphic can inspire people to be concerned about conservation.



Information Resources: *Where Does Your Water Shed?*

The water on earth is one of our most precious resources. There is a limited supply of fresh water, yet it must be balanced with our many needs for clean and plentiful water. Water takes various forms in the environment, and it is used over and over again by plants, animals and people as it moves through the water cycle. We can influence what happens in a watershed (for good or bad) by how we treat our natural resources – including the soil, water, air, plants and animals. It is important to understand where fresh water goes after it rains and after we use it in our daily routine, so that we can use it wisely today and enjoy this precious resource for generations to come. You can find resources at your school or public library. Books and local newspapers are also great resources as well as the internet. Get guidance from your teacher or parents to find information on the internet about *Where Does Your Water Shed?*



Everyone Lives In
A Watershed!



Web Resources:

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/surf/state.cfm?statepostal=NJ> to find your NJ Watershed
<http://www.cleanwater.nj.org/> for ways to keep NJ water clean
http://njwrri.rutgers.edu/watershed_orgs.htm for NJ Watershed organizations
<http://www.nj.gov/dep/wms/bear/ameri corps.htm> for NJ Watershed Ambassadors
www.epa.gov/safewater/kids/index.html for EPA Drinking Water Kids' Stuff
<http://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/projwet.htm> for Project WET (Water Education for Teachers)
<http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/mwater.html> for USGS Water Basics

Have you met your area Watershed Ambassador?

Through the AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program, Watershed Ambassadors are available to make free interactive presentations on water topics. They also work with community organizations on projects such as rain gardens, stream clean-ups, restoration projects and educational events. Watershed Ambassadors monitor local rivers using volunteer monitoring protocols, and they provide training on biological and visual assessments in coordination with the NJ Watershed Watch Network. To contact the Ambassador serving your watershed area, visit <http://www.nj.gov/dep/wms/bear/ameri corps.htm>.

What is a Watershed? It is an area of land that drains to a particular body of water such as a stream, river or lake. Rain or snow that falls anywhere in that watershed eventually flows to a body of water.

Online Tips for Creating an Effective Poster

The National Association of Conservation Districts at www.nacdnet.org provides links to assist with creating posters. Click on the "Stewardship & Education" tab and find "Poster Contest" under "Contests" for an overview of the 2013 theme, and for tips on what makes a good poster and the National Visual Arts Standards.



NJ Soil Conservation Districts (SCD) are special purpose subdivisions of the State. In cooperation with the State Soil Conservation Committee, they are empowered to conserve and manage soil and water resources and address stormwater, soil erosion and sedimentation problems that result from land disturbance activities. There are 15 Soil Conservation Districts in New Jersey. (See back page for list.)

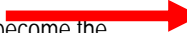
In response to growing public concern for water quality, NJ conservation districts have become the primary local governmental agencies responsible for monitoring nonpoint sources of pollution associated with agriculture, construction and mining. The technical services of the USDA — Natural Resources Conservation Service and other resource agencies are made available through the districts.

New Jersey Rules



These rules must be followed for your poster to be accepted by your local Soil Conservation District. Entries that do not conform to the rules will not be judged.

Please review and follow your local Soil District rules for the deadline!

1. Clearly print your name and information on the entry form **AND** tape the completed entry form to the back of your poster.
2. Tape a 1-3 sentence explanation of your poster, neatly written on a 3" x 5" or 4" x 6" index card, to the back of the poster. Be sure to write your name and county on the index card.
3. **Contest theme "Where Does Your Water Shed?" must appear somewhere in your poster.** Leave a 1 inch border of white space at the edges of the poster; lettering should not run on to the edges.
4. The poster must be flat, no 3-D objects.
5. Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".
6. Any medium may be used including paint, crayons, colored pencils, charcoal and paper. Computer designed artwork is allowed **but clip art is not acceptable.** No collage or montage.
7. One poster per student.
8. The poster must be the original artwork of the student.
9. **ENTRY DEADLINE: See Local District Rules** 
10. Decisions of the judges are final and all entries become the property of the contest sponsors.

Poster Evaluations

Posters will be judged on the following criteria: Relevance to contest theme: **"Where Does Your Water Shed?"**

- Conservation message
- Visual effectiveness
- Originality
- Overall appeal

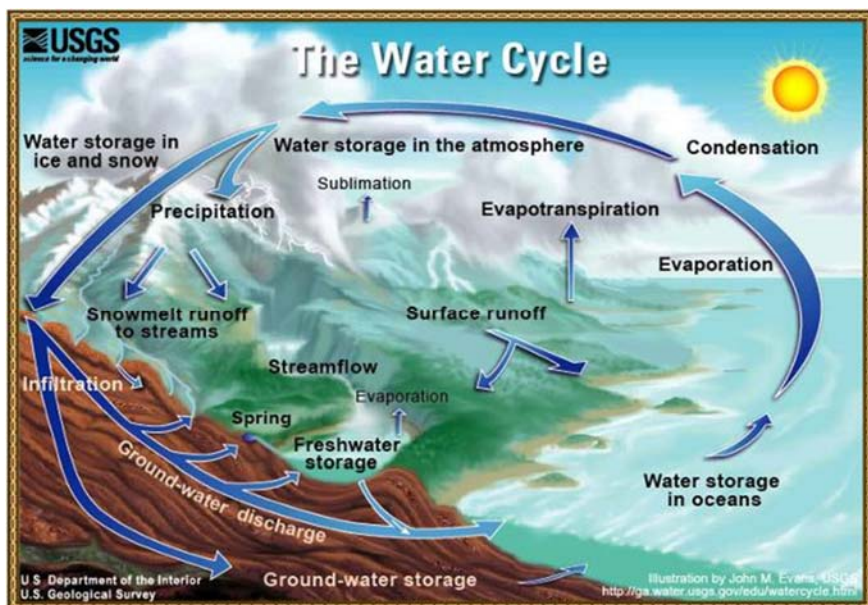
CASH PRIZES for the New Jersey Statewide competition are awarded by the:

New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts

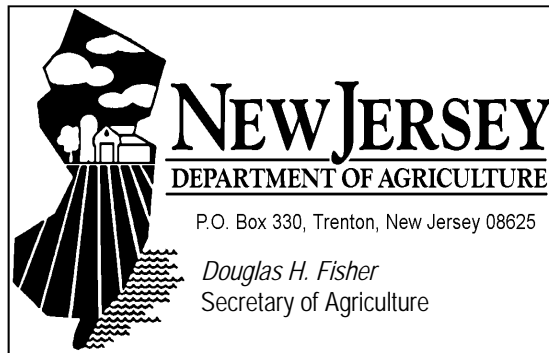
First - \$200 Second - \$100 Third - \$50

Local District Rules & Prizes

Contact your local district to verify participation (Page 4)



**New Jersey Association
of
Conservation
Districts**



NEW JERSEY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Please contact your local SCD to verify their participation!

Bergen County SCD

700 Kinderkamack Rd. Ste 106
Oradell, NJ 07649
(201) 261-4407
www.bergenscd.org

Burlington County SCD

1971 Jacksonville Jobstown Rd.
Columbus, NJ 08022
(609) 267-7410
www.bscd.org

Camden County SCD

423 Commerce Lane, Suite 1
W. Berlin, NJ 08091
(856) 767-6299
www.camdenscd.org

Cape-Atlantic SCD

Atlantic County Office Bldg.
6260 Old Harding Highway
Mays Landing, NJ 08330
(609) 625-1517
www.capeatlantic.org

Cumberland-Salem SCD

P. O. Box 68
1516 Route 77
Deerfield, NJ 08313
(856) 451-2422
www.cumberland-soil.deeweb.com

Freehold SCD

(Monmouth & Middlesex Counties)
4000 Kozloski Rd., Suite 5
Freehold, NJ 07728
(732) 683-8500
www.freeholdscd.org
info@freeholdscd.org

Gloucester County SCD

14 Parke Place, Suite C
Sewell, NJ 08080
(856) 589-5250
gloucester@gloucesterscd.org
www.gloucesterscd.org

Hudson, Essex, Passaic SCD

15 Bloomfield Avenue
North Caldwell, NJ 07006
(973) 364-0786
information@hepscd.org

Hunterdon County SCD

687 Pittstown Road
Frenchtown, NJ 08825
(908) 788-9466
hcsd687@embarqmail.com

Mercer County SCD

508 Hughes Drive
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
(609) 586-9603
www.mercerscd.org

Morris County SCD

Court House, P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07960-0900
(973) 285-2953 or 538-1557
www.mcsd.org

Ocean County SCD

714 Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731
(609) 971-7002
www.ocscd.org

Somerset-Union SCD

Somerset County
308 Milltown Road 4-H Bldg.
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
(908) 526-2701
soilconsrv@co.somerset.nj.us

Sussex County SCD

Middleton Park Bldg.
186 Halsey Rd., Suite 2
Newton, NJ 07860
(973) 579-5074
http.home.earthlink.net/~sussexscd2/

Warren County SCD

224 Stiger Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
(908) 852-2579
www.warrencountyscd.org



2013 Poster Contest Entry Form

Attach this form to back of each poster



Circle Your Grade Category: 2nd—3rd 4th—6th 7th—9th 10th—12th

Your County Soil Conservation District: (see above) _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Home Address: _____

Town: _____ NJ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Winners will be notified by email, if possible. Please neatly print a suitable email address:

If your poster was created through a school project or assignment please complete teacher & school information.

Teacher Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Town: _____ NJ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I certify that this poster is the original artwork of the student named above. Parent OR Teacher Must Sign.

Signature Parent OR Teacher

Student Signature _____

