

New Jersey Conservation POSTER CONTEST



2022

Prizes for
Statewide

Competition

1st Place \$100

2nd Place \$50

3rd Place \$25



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: *Healthy Soil: Healthy Life*

Healthy soils are the foundation for all life on Earth. It is imperative in food production. Healthy soils give us clean water and air. Soil is an important resource for everything from human health to agriculture to water filtration. Soil is the foundation for many of the items we use in our daily life, such as food, clothing, clean water, homes and more. Healthy soil equals healthy food, which equals a healthy you. It is important that each of us recognize where our food comes and the farmers and ranchers who are dedicated to using responsible land-management practices to ensure a sustainable food supply and healthy land and soil for future generations.

You can find resources at your school or public library, science books, local newspapers, nature centers and from the NACD website www.nacdnet.org Stewardship & Education section. Get guidance from your teacher or parents to find information on the internet about healthy forests.

Web Resources:

- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nj/soils/health/>
- <https://soilhealthinstitute.org/resources/soil-health-educational-resources/>
- <https://www.farmers.gov/conservation/soil-health>
- <https://soilsmatter.wordpress.com/author/soilsmatter2011/>
- <https://www.soils.org/iys/>
- <https://www.soils.org/about-soils/basics>
- <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/soil-testing-lab/resources.php>
- <https://www.barnegatbaypartnership.org/protect/threats-to-barnegat-bay/soil-health-in-the-watershed/>
- <https://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/educational-resources/soil-health/>
- <https://www.rff.org/events/rff-live/healthy-soils-healthier-planet/>



DID YOU KNOW.....

- ◆ There are 70,000 different types of soil in the U.S.
- ◆ 1 Tablespoon of soil has more organisms in it than there are people on earth.
- ◆ It takes 500 years to form one inch of topsoil
- ◆ There is 5,000 different types of bacteria in one gram of soil.
- ◆ 1,400,000 Earthworms that can be found in an acre of cropland.
- ◆ Soil is more than just one layer. It has multiple layers, just like a cake, that are called horizons.
- ◆ Only about 10% of Earth's land surface has suitable soil for producing our food supply, housing, cities, schools, hospitals, air to breath and more.
- ◆ 10 %of the world's carbon dioxide emissions are stored in soil.
- ◆ .01% of the earth's water is held in soil.

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 2022 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 14 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 "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life" 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

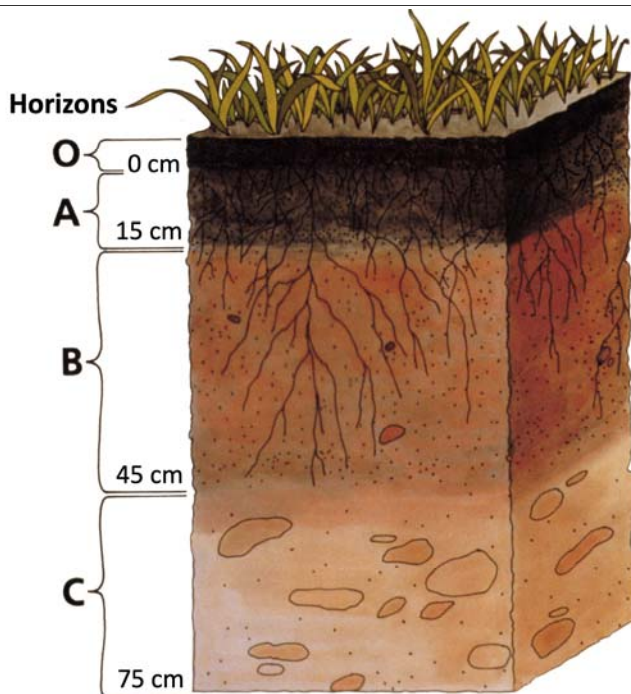
Posters will be judged on the following criteria: Relevance to contest theme: **"Healthy Soil: Healthy Life"**

- 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)

1. The teacher of each class/group participating in the contest is responsible for selecting one or two winning posters per class. Please do not send in posters from an entire class. (If you teach multiple classes you may submit posters from each class period.)
2. **Follow ALL the rules to the left.** The contest theme **"Healthy Soil: Healthy Life"** must appear on the poster.
3. An entry form should be taped to the back of each poster along with a brief explanation of the poster written on an index card (also taped to the back of poster).

Freehold SCD Prizes for Each Grade Category*

1st Place \$100

2nd Place \$75

3rd Place \$50

(Grade Categories are: 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12)

All first place winning entries are submitted to a State level competition.

ENTRY DEADLINE (Post-marked by): **March 21st, 2022**

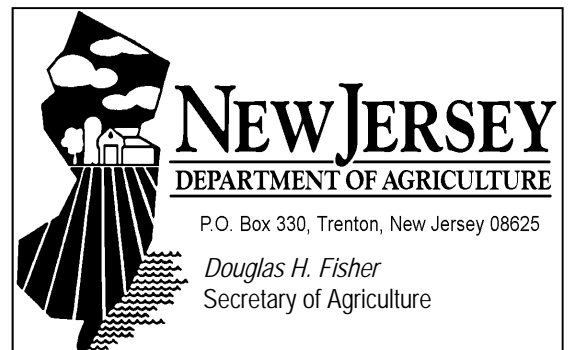
Mail or deliver entries to:

Freehold Soil Conservation District
4000 Kozloski Road
Monmouth County Agriculture Building
Freehold, NJ 07728

Questions? Please contact Holly Reynolds at 732.683.8500 or email hreynolds@freeholdscd.org. Visit our website at www.freeholdsoil.org for additional information.

**New Jersey Association
of
Conservation
Districts**

<http://www.njacd.org/>



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.bsacd.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) 625-3144
www.capeatlantic.org

Cumberland-Salem SCD

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

Freehold SCD

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

Gloucester County SCD

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

Hudson, Essex, Passaic SCD

80 Orchard St
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(862) 333-4505
information@hepscd.org

Hunterdon County SCD

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

Mercer County SCD

590 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
www.mcscd.org

Ocean County SCD

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

Somerset-Union SCD

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

Upper Delaware SCD

P.O. Box 198
51 Main Street, Suite B
Blairstown, NJ 07825
(908) 852-2579
www.upperdelawarescd-nj.com



2022 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