

# New Jersey Conservation POSTER CONTEST



## 2023

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

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 may also  
be awarded!



## 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 ?

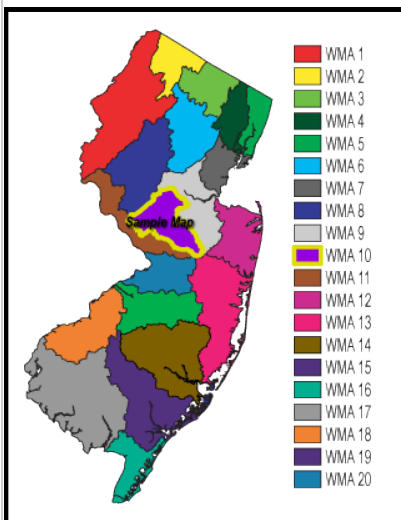
Designing a poster and researching the theme can give you a voice in your community about important conservation issues. Good posters capture people's attention and deliver stories in a way that everyone can understand. A powerful graphic can inspire people to be concerned about conservation.

## Information Resources: *One Water*

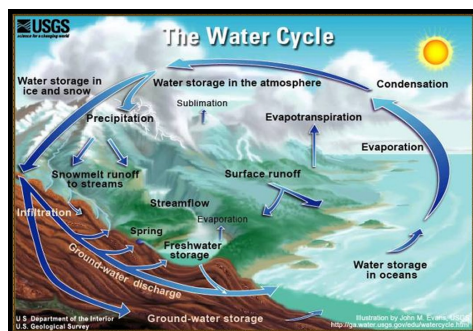
The water on earth is one of our most precious resources. There is a limited supply of fresh water, yet it must be balanced with our many needs for clean and plentiful water. Water takes various forms in the environment, and it is used over and over again by plants, animals and people as it moves through the water cycle. From the top of the mountain all the way to the coast, it is all one water. A lot of the water we use and drink every day comes from water in the ground. The raindrops fall on the ground and flow through the soil. Water soaks through the soil until it reaches groundwater, which is water that moves through spaces in soil and rock underground. As it rains and the water runs off, it collects in rivers, lakes, and oceans and then returns to the atmosphere to fall as rain somewhere else. We all live in a watershed. We share the water in our watershed with other people, with animals, and with plants because... it is all one water. 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 *One Water*.

## Web Resources:

- <https://water.usgs.gov/edu/watershed.html>
- <http://https://www.watereducation.org/water-kids>
- <http://www.discoverwater.org/>
- <http://wateruseitwisely.com/kids/>
- <http://www.cleanwater.nj.org/>
- <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/kids/index.html>
- [https://http://njwrri.rutgers.edu/watershed\\_orgs.htm](https://http://njwrri.rutgers.edu/watershed_orgs.htm)
- <https://www.epa.gov/environmental-topics/water-topics#our-waters>
- <https://thewaterproject.org/resources/>
- <https://wateruseitwisely.com/kids-teachers/teacher-resources/>
- <https://www.nacdnet.org/conservation-education-hub/curriculum-3/>



**NJ has 20 watershed management areas.**



## DID YOU KNOW.....

- ♦ All land across the entire earth is made up of watersheds.
- ♦ In the continental US, there are 2,100 watersheds. If Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico are included, the count would rise to 2,267 watersheds.
- ♦ Only 1% of the water on our planet is fresh useable water.
- ♦ Water can soak into the soil until it reaches underground rivers or aquifers.
- ♦ Plants prevent erosion which lead to soil being moved through the watershed into our lakes and rivers.
- ♦ Watersheds can vary greatly in climate, animal life, plant life, human population, amounts of water and size.
- ♦ The average person uses 70 gallons of water every day!
- ♦ Groundwater is water that moves through spaces in soil and rock underground.
- ♦ Pet waste left on the ground can wash into storm drains and ditches. From there it flows into lakes and streams where it can contaminate the water with harmful bacteria.

**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.

## Online Tips for Creating an Effective Poster

The National Association of Conservation Districts at [www.nacdnet.org](http://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 2023 theme, and for tips on what makes a good poster and the National Visual Arts Standards.

# 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 "One Water" 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 14" x 22"
6. Any medium may be used including paint, crayons, colored pencils, charcoal, paper or other materials. 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: **"One Water"**

- Conservation message
- Originality
- Visual effectiveness
- Overall appeal

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

**New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts**

First - \$100    Second - \$50    Third - \$25

## 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 **"One Water"** 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.**

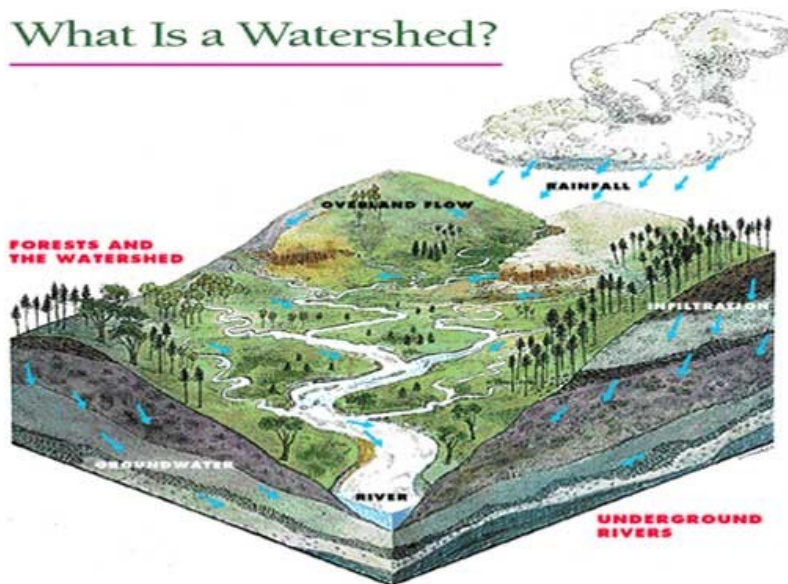
**ENTRY DEADLINE (Post-marked by): March 28th, 2023**

Mail or deliver entries to:

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

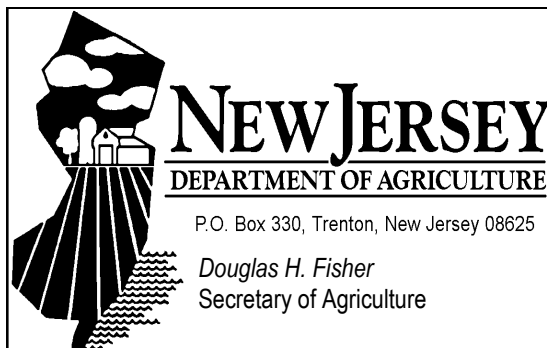
**Questions?** Please contact Holly Reynolds at 732.683.8500 or email [hreynolds@freeholdscd.org](mailto:hreynolds@freeholdscd.org). Visit our website at [www.freeholdsoil.org](http://www.freeholdsoil.org) for additional information.

## What Is a Watershed?



## 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**

408 Commerce Lane  
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.mcsd.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  
soilconservation@co.somerset.nj.us

## **Upper Delaware SCD**

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



## 2023 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** \_\_\_\_\_