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 = HEALTHY HABITATS



2010



New Jersey Conservation
POSTER CONTEST



The New Jersey Conservation Poster Contest is open to all students in grades 2-12. Contestants compete in one of four age groups. Prizes are awarded at the local and State levels!

Contest Sponsors:
 The New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts and your local Soil Conservation District

Prizes for Statewide Competition

1st Place	\$200
2nd Place	\$100
3rd Place	\$50



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.

Information Resources:

You will want to learn all you can about the importance of habitats in your community, starting in your backyard. You can find resources at your school or public library or nature centers. Science books and local newspapers are also great resources as well as the Stewardship & Education section of the NACD website at www.nacdnet.org. Get guidance from your teacher or parents to find information on the internet about the connection between conservation and habitats. Ask your teacher and your local conservation district about projects and other possible resources in your community.

Conservation — The careful management of the environment and our natural resources.

Habit — An action or pattern of behavior that is repeated so often that it becomes typical of somebody although he or she may not be aware of it.

Habitat — The place where something lives because it has adapted to find food, water, shelter and space.



DID YOU KNOW.....
You can help habitats. If you make it a habit to conserve and manage resources, you help to create & preserve healthy habitats!

Soil Conservation Districts help habitats.

Since the Dust Bowl of the 1930's, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, along with state and federal agencies, have worked to reduce soil erosion and water degradation. Through education outreach and technical assistance to land owners, residents learn of the importance of our natural resources.

To learn more about habitats visit the following websites:

- <http://www.nacdnet.org/education/backyard> for Backyard Conservation
- <http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife/> for National Wildlife Federation
- <http://www.pollinator.org/guides.htm> for Pollinator Guides
- <http://happeninhabitats.pwnet.org/> for Happening Habitats

Useful Tools and Information Online

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

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, our conservation districts have become the primary local governmental agencies responsible for controlling 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 Conservation District. Entries that do not conform to the rules will not be judged. Please review and follow your local conservation district rules for local deadlines!

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 must appear somewhere in your poster: Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats**
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:
"Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats"
- Conservation message
- Visual effectiveness
- Originality
- Overall appeal

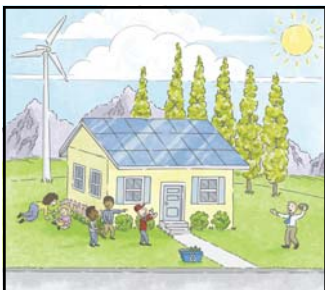
PRIZES!!!

Cash Prizes for the New Jersey Statewide Competition are awarded by the New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts

1st - \$200 Cash Award

2nd - \$100 Cash Award

3rd - \$50 Cash Award



Local District Rules

In Mercer County, entries must be received by **Friday, October 22, 2010**.

Local awards are as follows:

First Place winners in each division will receive a \$100 award and an educational gift. Their posters will also be entered into the statewide contest.

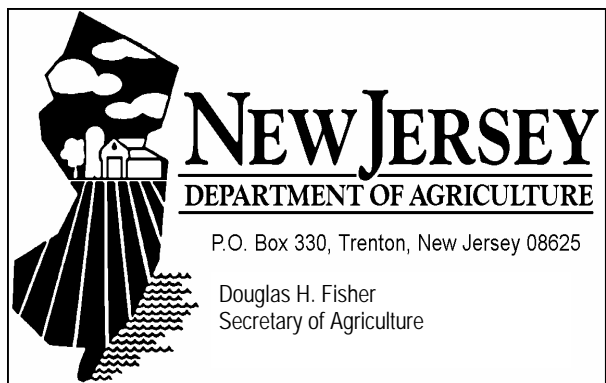
Second Place winners in each division will receive a \$50 award and an educational gift.

Teachers are asked to submit the **top three** entries from their class. Make sure that students include the contest theme on their entries.

Send entries to:

Mercer County SCD
508 Hughes Drive, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
Questions? Call (609) 586-9603 or mercersoil@aol.com

Free classroom presentations are available to help your students learn about this year's theme!



NEW JERSEY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Locate the SCD Serving Your County

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.mcscd.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
soilconsv@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



2010 Poster Contest Entry Form

Attach this form to back of each poster



Please circle your grade category AS OF SEPTEMBER 2010: 2-3 4-6 7-9 10-12

Your County Soil Conservation District: _____

Student Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Town: _____ NJ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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 Please Sign.

Parent or Teacher Signature

Student Signature