

# FORESTS FOR PEOPLE

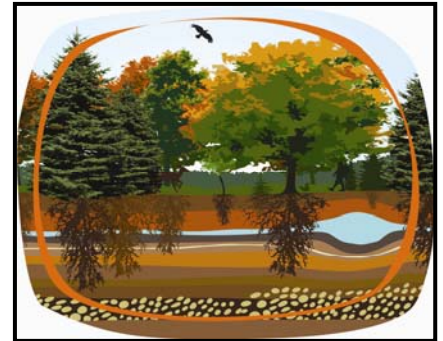
MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE!



2011



## New Jersey Conservation POSTER CONTEST



### 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. Contestants compete in their own age group. Local Soil Conservation District prizes are also awarded!



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

Look Inside for Details

## 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. 2011 is the United Nations International Year of Forests and you can go online to <http://www.un.org/en/events/iyof2011/> for more information.

## Information Resources:

You will want to learn all you can about the important role forests play in your everyday life. 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](http://www.nacdnet.org). Get guidance from your teacher or parents to find information on the internet about the connection between forests and you. Ask your local conservation district about other possible resources in your community.

Have you ever heard the saying, "You can't see the forest for the trees?" There is a lot of truth to that statement because when we look at a forest we tend to see only the trees because they dominate the scene, but they don't dominate when it comes to the number of species. There are hundreds of thousands of species of plants and animals in a single forest ecosystem. More than you can imagine... plants, mosses, fungi, animals, insects and millions of micro-organisms.



Red Oak: NJ State Tree







## 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 2011 theme, tips on what makes a good poster and the National Visual Arts Standards.

### Did You Know???

Each of us uses approximately one 100-foot-tall Douglas fir tree in paper and wood products each year!

## To Learn More About Forests Visit:

-  [www.arbordayfoundation.org](http://www.arbordayfoundation.org) for Arbor Day Foundation
-  [www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation](http://www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation) for US Forest Service
-  [www.treelink.org/nucfac/](http://www.treelink.org/nucfac/) for National Urban & Community Forest Service
-  [www.forest-to-faucet.org](http://www.forest-to-faucet.org) for Forests to Faucet Partnership
-  [www.nacdnet.org/news/publications/forestrynotes](http://www.nacdnet.org/news/publications/forestrynotes) for NACD Forestry Notes
-  [www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/pln.html](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/pln.html) for New Jersey Project Learning Tree



**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 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 "**Forests for People — More Than You Can Imagine**" must appear somewhere in your poster and words should **NOT** run to the poster 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:  
    "**Forests for People — More Than You Can Imagine**"
- 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



A student measuring a tree at the New Jersey Envirothon Forestry Station



# Local District Rules & Prizes

**In Mercer County, entries must be received by Friday, October 21, 2011.**

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.

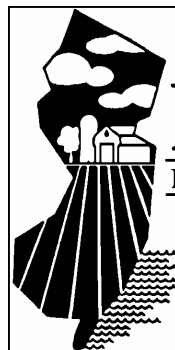
**Send entries to:**

Mercer County SCD  
508 Hughes Drive, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690

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

Questions? Call (609) 586-9603 or email [mercersoil@aol.com](mailto:mercersoil@aol.com)

**New Jersey Association  
of  
Conservation  
Districts**



**NEW JERSEY**  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

P.O. Box 330, Trenton, New Jersey 08625

*Douglas H. Fisher*  
Secretary of Agriculture

# NEW JERSEY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

*Send YOUR Poster to 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.bsccd.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  
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



## 2011 Poster Contest Entry Form

*Attach this form to back of each poster*



**Please write in your Grade Level AS OF SEPTEMBER 2011: GRADE \_\_\_\_\_**

Your County Soil Conservation District: (see above) \_\_\_\_\_

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 Must Sign.*

Signature Parent  OR Teacher

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_