

# New Jersey Conservation POSTER CONTEST



2022

Prizes for  
Statewide  
Competition

1st Place \$100  
2nd Place \$50  
3rd Place \$25



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!

## 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](http://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](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 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 some-where 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**. 
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.

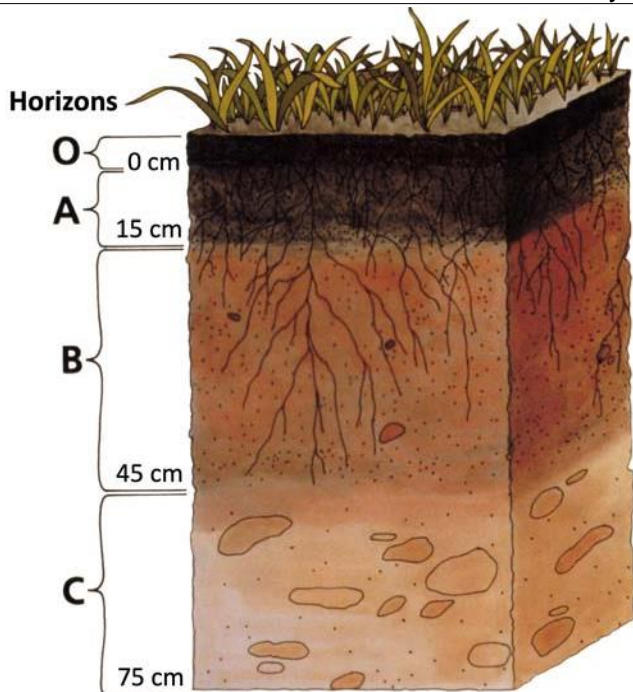
## Poster Evaluations

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



# Local District Rules & Prizes

Contact your local district to verify participation (Page 4)

In Mercer County entries must be received by 4pm  
On Friday March 18, 2022

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

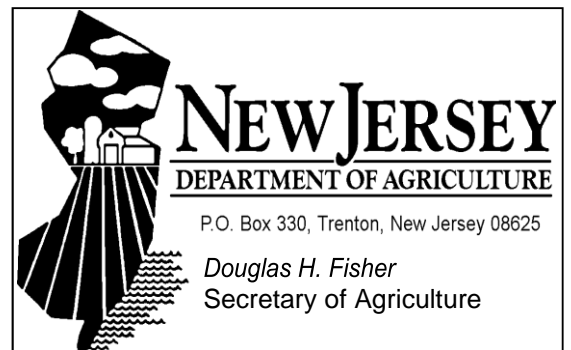
Mercer County winners will receive recognition and a small award. Plus, 1<sup>st</sup> Place entries will be forwarded to the statewide contest. Statewide prizes include: \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$50 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and \$25 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

SEND ENTRIES TO:  
Mercer County SCD  
590 Hughes Drive  
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690  
(if hand delivering, please call ahead)

Questions? Call 609-586-9603 or e-mail Linda at:  
Linda1mercer@aol.com

**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  
hcsacd687@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.mcsacd.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:**

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**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.**

\_\_\_\_\_  **Parent** \_\_\_\_\_  **OR Teacher**

**Signature**

***Student Signature***