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### **“Where Does Your Water Shed” Poster Contest**

" **Where Does your Water Shed**" was the theme for the 2013 Poster Contest sponsored by Ocean County Soil Conservation District and the NJ Association of Conservation Districts. 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. We can influence what happens in a watershed (for good or bad) by how we treat our natural resources – including the soil, water, air, plants and animals. It is important to understand where fresh water goes after it rains and after we use it in our daily routine, so that we can use it wisely today and enjoy this precious resource for generations to come. Students in 2nd -12th grades in Ocean County were encouraged to participate in this annual conservation contest that is sponsored by the NJ Department of Agriculture, the NJ Association of Conservation Districts and your local Soil Conservation District.

#### **2013 Poster Contest Winners**

**Grades 2-3** NO ENTRIES

#### **Grades 4-6**

First: Alexander Donnelly of Lake Riviera Middle School  
Second: Michelle Zoltan of Lake Riviera Middle School  
Third: Brandon Griggs of Lake Riviera Middle School

#### **Grades 7-9 –**

First: Avery Ahart of Lake Riviera Middle School  
Second: Siana Lanni of Lake Riviera Middle School  
Third: Brandon VanBerkle of Lake Riviera Middle School

**Grades 10 -12** NO ENTRIES

First place winners receive \$200, second place winners receive \$100 and third place winners receive \$50 from the Ocean County Soil Conservation District.

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