

# New Jersey Conservation POSTER CONTEST



## 2022

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



## 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 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 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

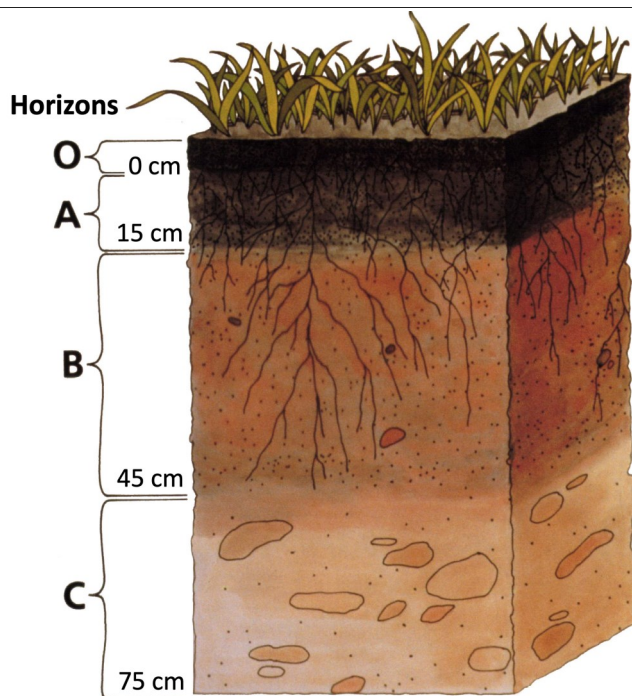
Posters will be judged on the following criteria: Relevance to contest theme: **"Healthy Soil: Healthy Life"**

— Conservation message	— Visual effectiveness
— Originality	— Overall appeal

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

**New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts**

First - \$200    Second - \$100    Third - \$50



## Ocean County Soil Conservation District Rules & Prizes

1. The teacher of each class/group is responsible for selecting 2-3 winning posters per class. **Please do not send in all posters from an entire class.** (If you teach multiple classes you may submit 2-3 posters from each class.)

2. **Follow ALL the rules to the left. The contest theme "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life" must appear on the poster.**

3. Taped to the back of **each poster** should be an entry form, along with an index card containing a brief "conservation message" pertaining to the poster.

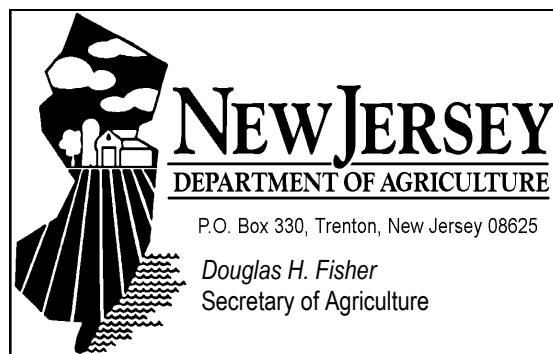
Ocean County Soil Conservation District will declare a **First Place** winner for each grade group, who will each receive a **\$50 cash prize**. One **Grand Champion Winner** will be selected among the **First Place** winners. The **Grand Champion** will be awarded an additional **\$50 cash prize**. All **First Place** winning entries will be submitted to the **Statewide Competition** where they will compete for cash prizes. Please contact [education@soildistrict.org](mailto:education@soildistrict.org) or (609) 991-1534 for details. If you live outside of Ocean County, contact your local district to verify participation (Page 4).

**ENTRY DEADLINE** (post-marked by, or delivered by): **March 10, 2022**

Mail or deliver entries to:  
Ocean County Soil Conservation District  
714 Lacey Road  
Forked River, NJ 08731

**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.bsdc.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  
hcsdc687@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.mcsdc.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  
Blairtown, 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:**

**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** \_\_\_\_\_