

# New Jersey Conservation POSTER CONTEST



## 2025

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



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### 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: *Home is Where the Habitat is*

You will want to learn all you can about the important role of both natural and managed habitats. Habitats are the environment where a plant or animal naturally grows and lives. 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 conservation and habitats. Ask your teacher and your local conservation district about projects and other possible resources in your community.

### Web Resources:

- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/nature/habitats>
- <https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/habitat/>
- <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/conservation/backyard-habitats/>
- <https://www.jerseyyards.org/create-a-jersey-friendly-yard/8-steps/step-7-create-wildlife-habitat/>
- <https://njudubon.org/gardening-for-wildlife/>
- <https://pinelandsalliance.org/learn-about-the-pinelands/ecosystem/habitats/>
- <https://www.fws.gov/office/new-jersey-ecological-services>
- <https://njudubon.org/conservation/>
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-by-state/new-jersey/new-jersey-pollinators>
- <https://www.nacdnet.org/conservation-education-hub/>



### 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.



**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.

### Online Tips for Creating an Effective Poster

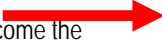
The National Association of Conservation Districts at [www.nacdnet.org](http://www.nacdnet.org) provides links to assist with creating posters. Click on the "Stewardship & Education" tab and find "Poster Contest" under "Contests" for an overview of the 2025 theme, and for tips on what makes a good poster and the National Visual Arts Standards.



# 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 "Home is Where the Habitat is" 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, paper or other materials. 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: **"Home is Where the Habitat is"**

- 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 - \$100    Second - \$50    Third - \$25

# Local District Rules & Prizes

Contact your local district to verify participation (Page 4)

1. Follow ALL the rules to the left. The contest theme **HOME IS WHERE THE HABITAT IS** must appear on the poster.
2. Taped to the back of each poster should be a **completed entry form**, as well as a **Conservation Message** relating to the contest theme "Home is Where the Habitat Is" written on an index card. (The Conservation Message is part of the judging criteria. See the Poster Evaluations list on the left for the full list of judging criteria.)
3. Ocean County Soil Conservation District will declare a First Place winner for each grade group, who will each receive a certificate of recognition. One Grand Champion Winner will be selected among the First Place winners. **The Grand Champion will be awarded a \$50 prize from OCSCD.** All First Place winning entries will be submitted to the Statewide Competition where they will compete for more prizes.

Questions? 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 county district to verify participation. (See following page for list of districts.)

**OCEAN COUNTY ENTRY DEADLINE: Posters must be post-marked by, or delivered by close of business on Thursday, March 6, 2025.**

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.njaacd.org/>



**NEW JERSEY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**  
*Please contact your local SCD to verify their participation!*

**Bergen County SCD**

700 Kinderkamack Rd. Ste 103  
 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**

408 Commerce Lane  
 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  
 hcscd687@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.mcscd.org

**Ocean County SCD**

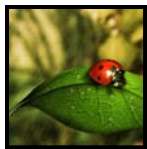
714 Lacey Road  
 Forked River, NJ 08731  
 (609) 971-7002  
 www.soildistrict.org

**Somerset-Union SCD**

**Somerset County**  
 308 Milltown Road 4-H Bldg.  
 Bridgewater, NJ 08807  
 (908) 526-2701  
 soilconservation@co.somerset.nj.us

**Upper Delaware SCD**

(Warren & Sussex Counties)  
 P.O. Box 198  
 51 Main Street, Suite B  
 Blairstown, NJ 07825  
 (908) 852-2579  
 www.upperdelawarescd-nj.com



**2025 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.*

Signature  Parent                       OR Teacher

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