



*Trumbull Soil & Water
Conservation District*

520 W. Main Street, Suite 3, Cortland, Ohio 44410

In conjunction with



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2018 Essay Contest

WATERSHEDS OUR WATER, OUR HOME

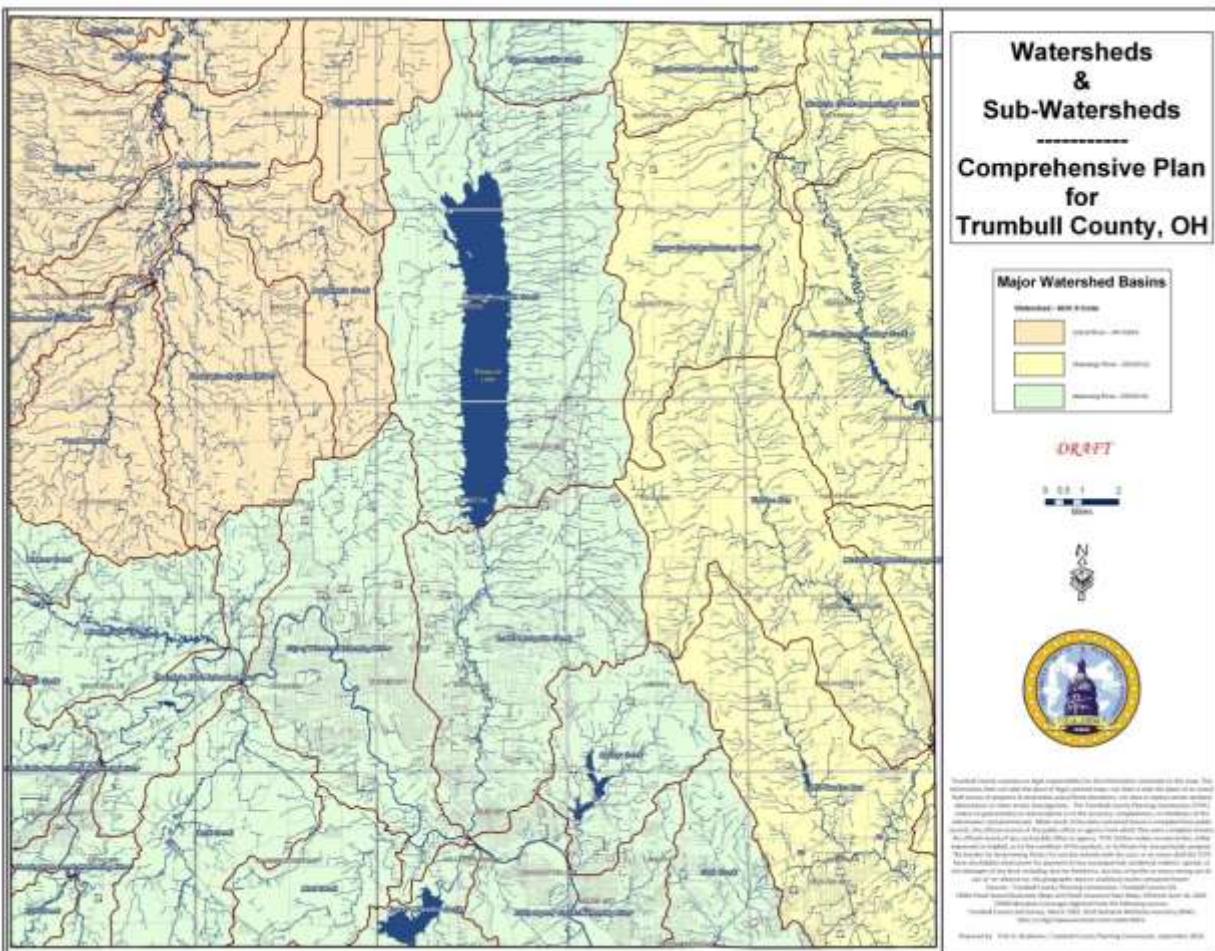


A watershed is land that sheds water. Every piece of land on the planet is part of a watershed. Even the desert known as Death Valley is part of a watershed.

You're sitting in a watershed right now!

The way we treat the land in our watersheds and our daily habits can have a big impact on the water we drink. Did you know that only 1% of the water on our planet is fresh, useable water?

Resources for essays can be found [HERE](#).



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The contest is open to Trumbull County public, private and parochial school students, as well as youth groups and home schooled students. There are the two divisions:

- Junior Division.....Grades 6-8
- Senior Division.....Grades 9-12

Awards for each Grade Category

Gift certificates will be awarded in the two divisions at the discretion of the District:

First Place—\$75.00

Second Place—\$50.00

Third Place—\$25.00



Why Participate?

Writing an essay and researching the theme can give you a voice in your community on important conservation issues! By evaluating, analyzing, and thinking critically on a theme you stimulate your intellectual development which may lead to better grades, environmental efforts in your community, or career opportunities. They inspire, increase awareness, and encourage us to work together to protect our natural resources for present and future generations.

Rules

1. Must address the theme —“Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home.”
2. Must be original work of the entrant.
3. Essay must be typed on letter size paper.
4. Format: 1" margins, double spaces, and Times New Roman or Arial font size #12.
5. Length of 600 to 700 words.
6. No identification of any kind is to be on the essay page itself.
7. Attach entry form, found [HERE](#), to front of the essay. Please include ALL information.
8. Release form must be signed by appropriate adult.
9. Only one entry per student may be submitted.

Evaluation Criteria

Essays will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Composition—30 percent
 - a. Spelling, grammar, sentence structure
 - b. Organization
2. Subject Matter—70 percent
 - a. Accuracy of information
 - b. Style (readability, creativity)
 - c. Relevance to contest theme

Essays must be submitted for competition to Trumbull County SWCD by

Friday, April 6, 2017 by 4:30pm

Submissions may be made to Trumbull SWCD, 520 W Main St Ste 3, Cortland OH 44410 or Fax: (330) 637-0071, attention of Barbara Enoch.

2017 Essay Winners

- Jr. Division
 - 1st place—**Elizabeth Potts**, Howland Jr. H. S.

- Sr. Division
 - 1st place—**Kaitlyn Padovan**, Howland H. S.
 - 2nd place—**Nicole Pratt**, LaBrae H. S.
 - 3rd place—**Andrew Barnhart**, LaBrae H. S.

