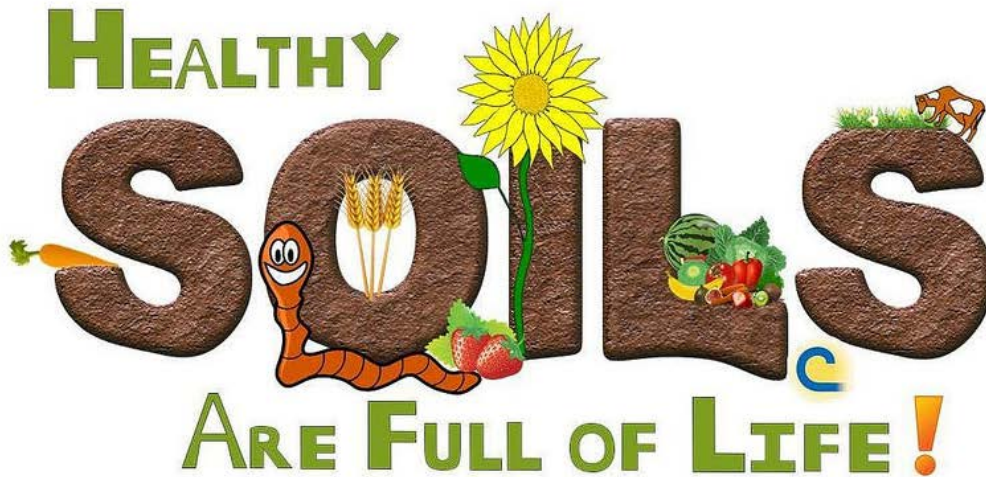


*Trumbull Soil & Water  
Conservation District*

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

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# 2017 Essay Contest



Productive soils are the foundation of any healthy ecosystem. As the world's population grows and demand for food production increases, it's essential that we work together to protect and enhance our soils.



A PowerPoint presentation associated with the poster contest is available [HERE](#) with ideas and information on how to work with this topic.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

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

## **Rules**

1. Must address the theme —“Healthy Soils are Full of Life”
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 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

### Judging Procedures

1. Essays will be judged on the following criteria:
  - a. Composition—30 percent
  - b. Spelling, grammar, sentence structure
  - c. Organization
  - d. Legibility
2. Subject Matter—70 percent
  - a. Accuracy of information
  - b. Style (readability, creativity)
  - c. Relevance to contest theme



Essays must be received for competition to Trumbull County SWCD by

**Friday, April 7, 2017 before 4:30 pm**

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

*Please attach entry form found below to the front of each essay.*

Entrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE FORM:** I, \_\_\_\_\_ (minor's parent or guardian), give permission for the Trumbull SWCD to use photographs taken of my dependent in SWCD newsletters or on their website for promotional or informational purposes should he/she win a prize.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_