



*Trumbull Soil & Water
Conservation District*

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

In conjunction with



presents

2018 Poster 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 posters can be found [HERE](#).

Trumbull county students in grades K-12 are encouraged to address the importance of watersheds through the poster contest. Participants compete in different age divisions and winners receive gift card prizes.

County winners will be forwarded to the Ohio state competition and are eligible for the national competition.

Categories by Grade Level

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>	<u>Division 4</u>	<u>Division 5</u>
K-1	2-3	4-6	7-9	10-12

Awards for each Grade Category

Trumbull County winners will receive gift certificates in the following amounts: \$25.00 first place, \$15.00 second place, \$10.00 third place.

The NACD Auxiliary and the Albert I. Pierce Foundation sponsor prizes at the national level.

\$200 for 1st Place National Winners
\$150 for 2nd Place National Winners
\$100 for 3rd Place National Winners



Why Participate?

Designing a poster and researching the theme can give you a voice in your community on important conservation issues! Posters capture people's attention and tell important stories in a language that everyone can understand. They inspire, increase awareness, and encourage us to work together to protect our natural resources for present and future generations.

Rules

1. Any media may be used, including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, or other materials.
 - a. Hand-drawn poster size must be 14" x 22" (half a poster). **THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER YEARS! Teachers, if you feel your class cannot fill this space, feel free to use another size paper. The ratio NACD is looking for is 7:11**
 - b. If sent digitally (photographs or scanned copies of the hand drawn posters in a JPEG format), the size doesn't apply.
2. All posters must be created by an individual student, rather than a team of students.
3. **The 2018 theme "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home" must be included on the front side of each poster.**
4. Each entry **must** be accompanied by an official entry form and **be completed and signed by a parent or guardian.**
5. Each entry for the national contest must be submitted to the local conservation district for judging.
6. Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do their own work. (Note: Entries with student handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn, and colored by adult assistance.)

Evaluation Criteria

- 50% Conservation Message
- 30% Visual effectiveness
- 10% Originality
- 10% Universal appeal



Judges will also evaluate posters on the following criteria

1. Has the theme been clearly addressed?
2. Does the work demonstrate an understanding of the subject?
3. Is the work neat, organized and grammatically correct?

Posters must be submitted for competition to Trumbull County SWCD by

Friday, April 6, 2017 by 4:30pm

for District judging.

Please attach interactive entry form found [HERE](#) to the back of each poster.

Posters sent straight to the state or national contest will NOT be judged. They must be judged in the county contest on order to advance.

School/Group/Organization information is

S/G/O name

Contact: Teacher's name

Email: Teacher's email

School address and phone number

Conservation District information is

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2017 Poster Winners

- Division 1 – K & 1



1st place – **Emmy McCullum**, Bascom Elem. (LaBrae)

- Division 2 - 2 & 3



1st place –**Madilyn Marsh**, Lordstown Elem.

- Division 3 – 4 to 6



1st place –**Madison Surbly**, Seaborn Ele. (Mineral Ridge)

- Division 4 – 7 to 9
 - No Entries

- Division 5 – 10 to 12



1st place –Annelisa Wallie, homeschooled (Southington Twsp.)