

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



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: *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. 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 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)

Mercer County entries must be received by 4:00 PM
Friday, March 28, 2025

Teachers are asked to submit the top three entries from their class. Make sure that students include Contest theme on their posters.

Theme: HOME IS WHERE THE HABITAT IS

Mercer County winners will receive recognition and a small award. Plus, 1st Place entries will be forwarded to the statewide contest.

SEND ENTRIES TO:
Mercer County SCD
590 Hughes Drive
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690

(if hand delivering, please call ahead)

Questions? Call 609-586-9603
or email Linda at: Linda1mercer@aol.com

**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 103
Oradell, NJ 07649
(201) 261-4407
www.bergenscd.org

Burlington County SCD

1971 Jacksonville Jobstown Rd.
Columbus, NJ 08022
(609) 267-7410
www.bsacd.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.cumberlandsalemscd.org

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
hcsd687@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.mcsd.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:

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