



Soil & Water

DEADLINE

All contest entries are due to the Durham SWCD office by **5:00 pm February 25, 2022**

Durham Soil & Water Conservation District
2021-2022

**COMPUTER GENERATED
POSTER** Contest– 9th grade

Soil & Water...Yours for Life

We don't typically give the soil under our feet much thought, but it plays a big role in our lives. Bigger than most realize. It is more than just 'dirt'... it is life! One tablespoon of soil has more organisms in it than there are people on earth. In fact, it is the 2nd largest ecosystem on Earth. Similarly, water plays a critical role in our very survival. Our planet is about 71% water and our bodies 60%. More than 90 % of the planet's living biomass is found in the oceans. We need both **Soil AND Water** to grow the food to feed the world's population of over 7 billion!



Soil takes centuries to millions of years to form, yet can be harmed or lost in a matter of minutes by careless human actions. And although water is continuously being recycled, the quality of it can be greatly impacted by everyday human actions. There is still 11% of the world's population that do not have access to clean drinking water. Soil and Water are two of the four most fundamental and basic natural resources—soil, water, air and sunlight—that sustain life on Earth. **We are looking for your creative interpretations of just what it means when we say "Soil & Water...Yours for Life"**

Contests & Grade Eligibilities

**Computer Generated Poster
Contest: 9th grade**

There will be a 1st and 2nd place award given for each grade category:

- ♦ **1st place winners** - will receive \$50, a certificate, and a yard sign.
- ♦ **2nd place winners**- will receive \$25, a certificate, and a yard sign.

Important Notice Teachers!!!

Educators who have a 1st place winning student in any category will receive \$30 to use towards school supplies (*Parents, Scout*

Open to all public schools, private schools, homeschool students and student clubs in Durham County.
Poster Contest: 3rd-6th grade

Learn more about Durham Soil and Water at <http://dconc.gov/swcd>



Theme - Soil & Water...Yours for Life

All entries should reflect the theme's content and be a representation of what the student feels best exemplifies this topic. Students are encouraged to be original in their poster. The judges will be looking for the entries that best convey the message to a viewer, while at the same time being original and creative.

Possible computer generated poster ideas can include, but are not limited to:

- Why is Soil so important for life?
- Interaction of Soil and Water
- Soil Erosion prevention
- Water Quality
- How does Soil affect the planet's Ecosystems?
- The Soil Food Web



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Official Rules - Computer Generated Posters, 9th grade

- This contest is for **Graphic Design Posters** using computer software.
- Posters should be designed so that if they were to be printed on paper they would be no larger than 11 X 17 in.
- Poster orientation may be portrait or landscape.
- Posters may be created using the software of the student's choice
- The computer generated poster must be submitted electronically in the following approved file format: **PDF, Adobe Acrobat File.**
- Electronic files should be submitted to Lmarochak@dconc.gov by the February 25, 2022-5pm deadline.
- All posters will be judged electronically. There is no requirement for them to be printed, but please design them as if they were going to be printed to make sure font and visuals are visible (also note that interactive design programs like Prezi look great online, but don't translate well on printed material)

Identification Information (Attach to the back of posters)

2021-2022 COMPUTER GENERATED POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM *(required)*

Student's Name: _____ Grade: **9th**

Student's Address: _____

Educator's Name: _____

Educator's Phone #: _____

Educator's Email: _____

School student attends: _____

County: **DURHAM** District: **Durham Soil & Water**