



Please circle appropriate grade group:  
 6    7-9    10-12

**\*\* Place this form on the back of your poster \*\***

**STUDENT**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one:

Yes or No This poster is the original work of the student named above.  
 Yes or No The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. If "yes", please explain on another piece of paper.

Parent or guardian name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian allowing NACD/District to utilize the poster submission for educational or promotional purposes:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL/GROUP/ORGANIZATION**

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ School/Org \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one: Public School    Private School    Home School    Organization    Other

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Name Charles Soil Conservation District

Contact Dee Dee Saunders

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City Waldorf State MD Zip 20601

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**POSTER CONTEST**  
**Charles County Middle & High School Students**

Have you ever watched it rain? The raindrops fall on the ground and flow through the soil. Water soaks through the soil until it reaches groundwater, which is water that moves through spaces in soil and rock underground. A lot of the water we use and drink every day comes from water in the ground. As it rains and the water runs off, it collects in rivers, lakes, and oceans and then returns to the atmosphere to fall as rain somewhere else. All land across the entire earth is made up of watersheds. We all live in a watershed. We share the water in our watershed with other people, with animals, and with plants because... **it is all one water.**



Posters are due: **Friday, May 12, 2023**  
 Questions: Dee Dee Saunders 301-638-3028  
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Charles Soil Conservation District  
 4200 Gardiner Road  
 Waldorf, MD 20601

# Rules



- Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect poster (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters.
- Poster should be 14" x 22", landscape or portrait orientation
- Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent for judging (flat or rolled, not folded).
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- *The 2023 stewardship theme "Watersheds – Our Water, Our Home" must be on your poster.*
- Name must be on back of poster, entry form must be clipped/ attached to back of poster and must have entry form signed to be eligible for judging.
- Poster must be original creation of the contestant and may not be traced from photographs or other artists' works.

## Poster Evaluations

The posters are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Conservation message (50 percent)
- Visual effectiveness (30 percent)
- Originality (10 percent)
- Universal appeal (10 percent).

## Prizes

- Charles County 1<sup>st</sup> Place (each grade group): Target gift card & state contest entry submission
- Charles County 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (each grade group): Target gift card
- State winners will receive monetary prizes and be eligible for NACD National Poster Contest and prizes

*Additional information: Visit <http://nacdnet.org/education/contests/>*

## Charles Soil Conservation District

### Who Can Participate ?

The Poster contest is open to all Charles County students in grades 6-12. Contestants may be from public, private or home school, an organization (like 4-H or Scouts) or independently submitted.

### Why Participate ?

Designing a poster and researching the theme, can **give you a voice in your community** on important conservation issues. Good posters tell important stories to present and future generations. Posters capture people's attention with a powerful graphic and inspire with a message for your community.

### Information Resources

*Watershed – Our Water, Our Home & Charles County Contest Info*  
<https://charlesscd.com/poster-contest/>

*What is a Watershed?*  
<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/watershed.html>

*Largest Estuary in United States*  
<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/chesapeake.html>

*NACD Education Materials and Resources*  
<https://www.nacdnet.org/conservation-education-hub/>

*The Water Cycle*  
<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/resource-library-the-water-cycle/>

*Watershed Protection and Restoration*  
<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/watershed-protection-and-restoration-program>

*Watersheds and Drainage Basins*  
<https://www.usgs.gov/special-topics/water-science-school/science/watersheds-and-drainage-basins>