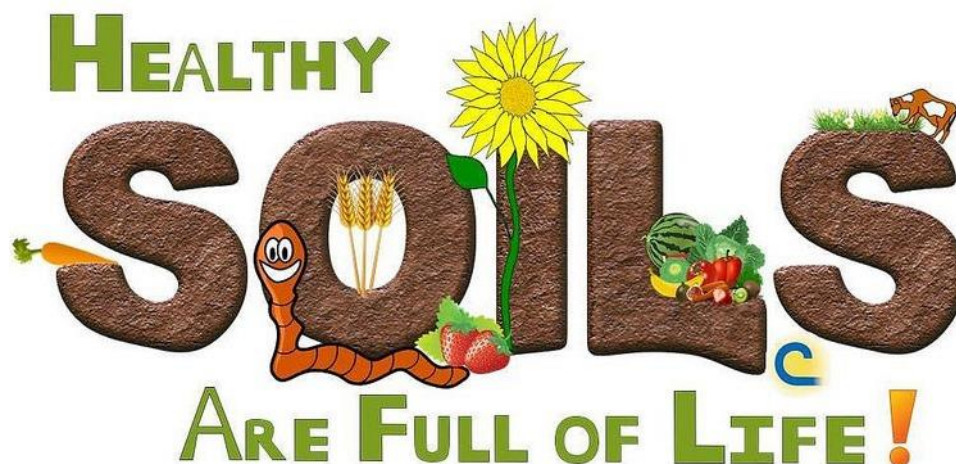


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## 2017 Soil Stewardship Week Poster Contest

The Flint River Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce the 2017 Soil Stewardship theme: **“Healthy Soils are Full of Life”**. Soil Stewardship Week will be officially celebrated April 30 to May 7, 2017, and is a fun and educational learning experience for all students! Soil Stewardship Week helps remind each and every citizen of the power of each person to conserve natural resources and improve our world. This year marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of NACD Soil and Water Stewardship Week!

In addition to providing area schools with valuable conservation and natural resource learning materials, the Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District is offering an **Annual Poster Contest** for **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students** from counties located in the District. These include Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, and Seminole counties. Posters must incorporate the **“Healthy Soils are Full of Life”** theme. The deadline for submitting the poster and entry form to your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office or County District Supervisor is **Friday, April 7, 2017**. A first, second, and third place prize will be awarded from each county worth \$50, \$30, and \$20 respectively.

The top winner from each county will go on to District competition. The District winner will receive a **\$150 prize and will be entered into the State Competition where it will be judged against other posters from across Georgia.**

If you are interested in participating in the Poster Contest and would like to obtain more information, please contact your local Flint River SWCD Supervisor or you may contact Luke Crosson with the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission at (229) 995-6001 or [lcrosson@gaswcc.org](mailto:lcrosson@gaswcc.org).

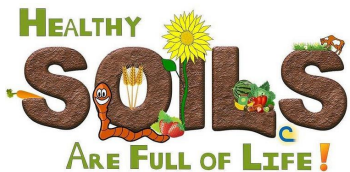
## GUIDELINES FOR POSTER CONTEST


### I. Prizes

- A. Each county within the district will have three cash prizes totaling \$100.
  - 1. 1st place will be \$50.
  - 2. 2nd place will be \$30.
  - 3. 3rd place will be \$20.
- B. The district will choose one first place winner from the nine - (9) county area. This individual shall receive a \$150 grand prize.

### II. Rules

- A. All 5th graders attending school within the districts nine (9) counties shall be eligible to participate in the poster contest.
- B. Contest judges will be selected by the Flint River Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors.
- C. Poster dimension should be 22" x 28".
- D. Any media (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, etc.) can be used to create a two-dimensional paper poster. No photographs will be accepted as part of the poster.
- E. Teachers shall submit all finished posters to the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office or County District Supervisor by Friday, April 7, 2017. County winners and the district overall award will be judged on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.
- F. All posters shall include the contestant's name, county, school and teachers name on the back bottom right hand corner. **(Must have enclosed form filled out along with poster)**
- G. The message of the poster is to be soil and water conservation. For 2017 "**Healthy Soils are Full of Life**" is the theme.
- H. One entry per student.
- I. Posters will be evaluated on the following criteria:  
Conservation message - 50%, Visual effectiveness - 30%, Originality - 10%, and Universal appeal - 10%.



	Please <b>appropriate category</b>				
	K-1	2-3	4-6	7-9	10-12

# Healthy Soils are Full of Life

## STUDENT

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The poster is an original completed by the student.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. If so, please explain on another piece of paper.

*When sending state winning entries to national contest please include: State poster contest sponsor, contact name, address, phone and e-mail. additional information available at <http://www.nacdnet.org/education/contests/poster> (Local & State Sponsor Section on 2017 poster contest page)*

## SCHOOL

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Public School \_\_\_\_\_ Private School \_\_\_\_\_ Home School \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## SPONSORING AGENCY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_