

Healthy soil makes life possible. It holds water, cycles nutrients, anchors plants, and supports tiny organisms that help entire ecosystems thrive.

Every layer contributes to essential functions such as growing food, filtering water, and safeguarding our wildlife and natural habitats.

By understanding how to nurture the soil through daily conservation efforts and educating ourselves about the ecosystem beneath our feet, we can safeguard it for future generations.

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POSTER
CONTEST
2026

Soil.
Where it all Begins



NACD Stewardship Week 2026

General Information

The Delaware County Conservation District's 2026 Poster Contest is now open to all public, private, and home-schooled students in Kindergarten through 12th grade who reside or attend a school within Delaware County!

Posters will be judged in the following grade categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12.

There are four categories this year:

1.) Hand Drawn Poster- Creation of poster using traditional hand-drawn methods to illustrate the NACD contest theme.

2.) Braille Poster- Competition for blind and low-vision students to use braille to create posters championing natural resource conservation.

3.) Additional Assist Poster: This is open to all students who may benefit from extra assistance to complete their posters. Participants are encouraged to create posters that celebrate inclusivity and the beauty of our environment.

4.) Digital Poster: *Only for grades 7-12* Students can use graphic arts programs to create poster featuring the NACD contest theme. No copyrighted content outside of the NACD logo can be used.

CONTEST RULES

1. The theme "Soil: Where it All Begins" must appear on the front of the poster.
2. Poster must be the original artwork of the student. The poster may not be traced from photographs or other artists' published works.
3. No artist's name may appear on the front of the poster.
4. Poster must be created by an individual student. A student may only submit one entry.
5. Posters must be flat. No 3-D object may be attached to the poster.
6. Posters should be 11x17".

Submission Process:

In order to enter the contest, please email a pdf of your poster to Jordan Lambe at LambeJ@co.delaware.pa.us, or deliver a hard copy to DCCD's office.

With the submission, please provide the following information:

Category Student is Entering, Student's Name, Address, Phone Number, Grade, School, and Teacher's Name.

Due date for submission is Friday, June 5th. Judging will take place shortly after this date and notification letters and prize checks will be mailed out to the winners

Posters will be judged according to the conservation message, visual effectiveness, originality, and universal appeal.

Prizes

Prizes in the form of a check will be awarded to the first through fourth place winners and the prize amounts are the following:

First Place \$75

Second Place \$50

Third Place \$25

Fourth Place \$15

First place posters will be sent to the PA Association of Conservation Districts for the state poster competition.

Please contact the district office with any questions regarding the contest!

Visit the district's website at www.delcccd.org for more information on the contest!

Sincerely,

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