

News Release  
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## Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District Encourages Stewardship through Conservation Poster Contest

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) proclaimed April 29 – May 6, 2018 as Stewardship Week, marking the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of the national event. In celebration of Stewardship Week, Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District sponsored a Poster Contest. Corresponding with stewardship week, the Poster Contest is themed “*Watersheds: Our Home, Our Water.*” A watershed is land that sheds water. Every piece of land on the planet is part of a watershed. Even the desert known as Death Valley is part of a watershed. You’re sitting in a watershed right now! The way we treat the land in our watersheds and our daily habits can have a big impact on the water we drink. Students will discover the environmental and health benefits of protecting our watersheds through this conservation instilled contest.

The Geauga SWCD received numerous entries this year. The winners of this year’s contest are as follows: **Grades K-1:** 1<sup>st</sup> place– Michael Yeager of Westwood Elementary School, **Grades 2-3:** 1<sup>st</sup> place– Caroline Yeager and 2<sup>nd</sup> place– Josselyn Mumm both of Westwood Elementary School; **Grades 4-6:** 1<sup>st</sup> place– Zoe Virant and 2<sup>nd</sup> place– Elizabeth Passow both of St. Mary’s School; **Grades 7-9:** 1<sup>st</sup> place– Leah Bass and 2<sup>nd</sup> place– Ava Morcino both of St. Mary’s School.

The first-place winners of each category moved on to the State Competition where they have a chance to move on to the National Competition. Congratulations to all of the talented youth of

Geauga County and visit the District website at [www.geaugaswcd.com](http://www.geaugaswcd.com) to view the 2018 winning posters.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage in our youth a connection to the important benefit of protecting our soil and water resources. All students from public, private, and home schools were encouraged to enter.

For information about Stewardship Week and the Conservation Poster Contest, contact Geauga SWCD at 1-440-834-1122 or [www.geaugaswcd.com](http://www.geaugaswcd.com). Additional information about Stewardship Week is available on the NACD website at [www.nacdnet.org](http://www.nacdnet.org).

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