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"Dig It! The Secrets of Soil" Poster Contest

"Dig It! The Secrets of Soil" was the theme for the 2009 Poster Contest sponsored by Ocean County Soil Conservation District and the NJ Association of Conservation Districts. Students in 2nd - 12th grades in Ocean County were encouraged to explore ways that soil supports life and provides several critical functions to our environment. Posters were designed to show how conservation practices in the community -- in homes, schools, farms, parks, etc., -- can help save this precious resource. All first place District level winning posters are submitted for State level competition and one Grand Champion Poster will be recreated onto a pocket folder and distributed Statewide.

2009 OCEAN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION POSTER WINNERS

GRADES 2 –3

FIRST PLACE: MEGAN FITZGERALD- FORKED RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SECOND PLACE: REGAN BANEY - CEDAR CREEK ELEMENTARY-

THIRD PLACE: ANGELA PESSOLANO - FORKED RIVER ELEMENTARY

GRADES 4-6 NO ENTRIES

GRADE 7-9

FIRST PLACE: TAYLOR VAN ZILE - TOMS RIVER HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH

SECOND PLACE: LINDSEY VAN ZILE- TOMS RIVER INTERMEDIATE SOUTH

THIRD PLACE: CHRIS GOBOSACK - PINELANDS REGIONAL JR. HIGH

GRADES 10-12 NO ENTRIES

First place winners receive \$100, second place winners receive \$75 and third place winners receive \$50 from Ocean County Soil Conservation District. In addition, first place entries have been submitted to the NJ Association of Conservation Districts for consideration for State level awards.

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