

CONSERVATION education

Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District

November 2020

Welcome to the Conservation Education Newsletter from the Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District. This quarterly publication will keep you up to date on conservation education news from our District.

The Virginia Dominion Energy Envirothon Competition is VIRTUALLY ON!

Do you have an interest in the outdoors? Love nature? Concerned about the environment? This school year is THE YEAR to learn more about what the Envirothon competition is all about. We are pivoting from our normal in-person trainings and live competition to the virtual world to ensure the safety of all involved.

- ⇒ **What is VIRTUAL ENVIROTHON?** It is a team based natural resources competition for high school students. Students prepare as a team for an online competition in Wildlife, Forestry, Aquatics, Soil and a Special Topic.
- ⇒ **Where can I receive FREE training and knowledge on the Natural Resource topics?** Visit www.vaswcd.org/envirothon to learn more. Watch our training videos and tune in to our online training event happening January 2021.
- ⇒ **How can I become a coach or part of a team to enter the online competition in the spring of 2021?** Contact jennifer.venable@lswcd.org
- ⇒ **What if I just want to try out a test this year and not actually compete?** We have that option as well during our Natural Resources Testing week occurring in June 2021.



ROSA LEE CARTER, STONE RIDGE, BLUE RIDGE, NEWTON SCHOOL, FREEDOM...these amazing schools all had winners in our 2020 Conservation Poster contest!



Our local Soil & Water Conservation Poster Contest, with the theme “Where would we BEE without Pollinators?”, [received many amazing works of art \(take a look!\)](#) Thank you Loudoun County students for supporting our pollinators. Click the above image to see the winning posters up close. They are all currently competing in the state level Conservation Poster event. Stay tuned!

“Greening Your Neighborhood”

Click below to learn more about this FREE program for Loudoun County residents sponsored by Audubon Naturalist Society.



Artists of all ages support our pollinators!

Check out our **AMAZINGLY** talented

2020 Soil & Water Conservation Poster winners...



4-6TH GRADE CATEGORY

MIHIR NIMKAR

STONE HILL MS



10-11TH GRADE CATEGORY

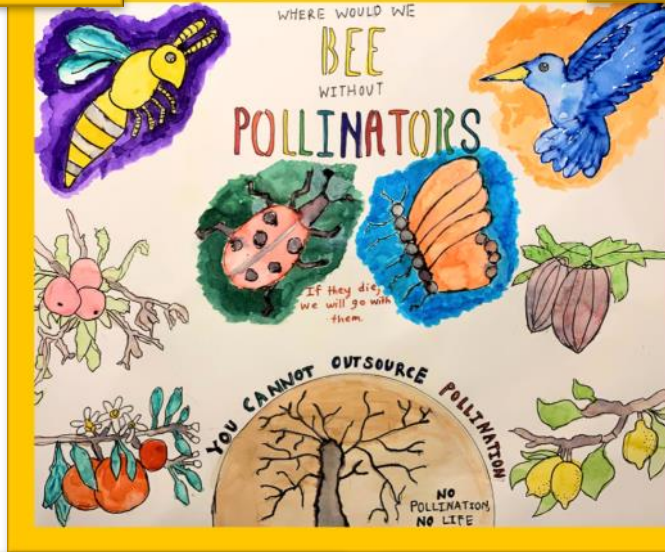
KATIE RAMBOYOUNG

FREEDOM HS

7-9TH GRADE CATEGORY

ELISE HANNAH

BLUE RIDGE MS



K-1ST GRADE CATEGORY

AMANDA PATEL

NEWTON SCHOOL

2ND-3RD GRADE CATEGORY

VIRAJ NIMKAR

ROSA LEE CARTER ES





For residents of Loudoun County HOAs & Condo Associations

Greening Your Neighborhood

Join us for advocacy training & mentorship to lead a conservation project

Partner with a friend

Start planning
this December

Get advocacy support

Complete your project
by June 2022



Lead a project: heal our world!

Be the change you want to see in the world! Join the Audubon Naturalist Society and our Loudoun partners in learning to guide your community towards being more ecologically friendly.

We'll provide you with the information, skills, and support you need to envision and implement an environmentally sustainable project in your community, with a strong focus on working with your Board and involving residents to ensure the best chance of long-term success.

Join us for an online orientation session, 2 online workshops, a green infrastructure tour, monthly check-ins, and community support!



FREE for Loudoun residents

Register online by Friday, Nov 20th:

<http://conservationblog.anshome.org/loudoun-county/>

Got questions? Contact renee.grebe@anshome.org



Woodend Sanctuary (ANS Headquarters) - 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815
<http://conservationblog.anshome.org/loudoun-county/>