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**LANCASTER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROMOTES
STEWARDSHIP WEEK**

The Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), celebrating the 67th Annual Stewardship Week from April 24 – May 1, 2022. This year's Stewardship Week theme is "Healthy Soil, Healthy Life."

Lancaster SWCD, is a member of NACD, which oversees the annual Stewardship Week program, one of the largest national annual programs that promotes conservation.

"Our ability to produce and access quality food and water depends on the health of our nation's soils," said NACD President Michael Crowder. "This year's Stewardship Week represents the continued awareness and recognition of the importance of effective conservation practices to maintain access to our natural resources for future generations."

Lancaster SWCD is a vital resource to those interested in expanding awareness surrounding types of soil native to the local area and provide critical information related to soil care, maintenance, best health practices, and erosion protection.

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To Celebrate Stewardship Week, the Lancaster SWCD is promoting three conservation contests. “We have a poster contest (hand drawn or digital) and a photo contest to promote stewardship week. We are extending the deadline until May 2, 2022, for entries. We want everyone to have enough time to work on their projects. This year we are very excited that students are able to create a digital poster. With most students using a computer every day we are eager to see how creative the students are with this category this year,” said Amanda Roberts District Manager for the Lancaster SWCD.

These contests are open to all students in grades K-12 who are attending public, private or home school in Lancaster County. Any student who wants to enter the contest may do so individually, or through a participating school.

Entry forms and guidelines may be found online at www.lancasterswcd.com, or you may call or email Amanda Roberts at 803-286-4455 extension 100, amanda.roberts@sc.nacdnet.net to receive a copy.

If you have any questions about the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District’s programs, please contact Amanda Roberts, District Manager for the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District, at 803-286-4455 ext. 100 or their website at www.lancasterswcd.com. The Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.

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