

Natural Resource Education

The Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District (PSWCD) provides natural resource education for tomorrow's leaders through *hands-on learning* resources available for use inside and outside of the classroom. These resources meet Standards of Learning (SOL's) objectives and are available **free of charge** for educators in Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward Counties. Contact us today to get started.



Teacher Resources

In addition to our natural resource classroom programs, PSWCD offers curriculum resources, annual training workshops, water testing kits and other education materials **free of charge**. Programs can be custom designed to meet your specific needs.



Classroom Programs

PSWCD can bring our classroom to you! Classroom lessons / activities are designed to supplement existing K-12 curriculums and can fit into your needed time period.



Modules include, but are not limited to: Watersheds 101, Water Pollution, The Water Cycle, Water Conservation, Wetlands and Soils.

Outdoor Classrooms



PSWCD has assisted several schools with establishing Outdoor Classrooms. We have resources to help get you started in planning an outdoor classroom for your school environment.



Conservation Poster Contest

Our annual poster contest invites students in grades K-12 to express their creativity while learning more about a natural resource. Each year a different theme is released in the fall. Participants earn a certificate and bookmark.

The grand winner gets a prize. All students have the option of a hand drawn design while student in grades 7-12 can opt for a digital design.



Envirothon



This nationwide competition tests teams of 5-7 high school student's knowledge of aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife and an annual environmental special topic.

Academic Scholarships

Each spring PSWCD offers an annual \$2000 scholarships to rising (or current) college students studying a field related to natural resource conservation.



Scout Patch Program

Usually one Saturday a year we offer a workshop to teach soils or watersheds (alternating) providing a journey in a day. Participants receive a patch and certificate.



Youth Conservation Camp (YCC)

Each year, in partnership with the VASWCD, we sponsor 2 high school campers to attend the YCC. Selected campers enjoy a week stay on VT campus. Application window opens in February.

