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Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District student Erin Leigh Machado advances to state competition and wins Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors Poster Contest

ATLANTA – At the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors 2013 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Fulton Science Academy Private School student Erin Leigh Machado was honored for winning the GACDS poster contest for Grades 7 to 9. Ms. Machado is currently a talented 8th Grade student whose interests include both art and photography.

The poster contest follows the annual National Association of Conservation Districts Stewardship theme. Her poster best depicted the association's 2012 theme "Soil to Spoon."

The annual contest provides students an opportunity to convey their thoughts about soil, water and related natural resource issues through art. It also highlights the educational outreach efforts of conservation districts and their state conservation associations, auxiliaries and agencies.

Each year, the poster contest starts at the district level. Individuals and teachers with questions regarding district contests should contact their local district. To win the contest, Ms. Machado first submitted her poster to the Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District, which promotes conservation efforts in Fulton County.

The poster was then submitted by District Chairman Alan O. Toney to GACDS for a statewide competition resulting in Ms. Machado's selection as the best poster in her group, Grades 7 to 9.

The theme for the 2013 contest will be "Where Does Your Water Shed?" Interested students may contact the Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District or the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission's Ben Ruzowicz at (706) 552-4475 or email him at bruzowicz@gaswcc.org for more information about submitting a poster for this year's contest.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts were created in 1937 by the Georgia General Assembly to protect the state's soil and water resources following the Dust Bowl of the 1930's. Districts provide a way for citizens to set local resource priorities for state and federal assistance programs.

The Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District partners with our one million citizens, state and Federal officials, as well as our 14 local governments to conserve and protect the soils and waters of Fulton County and the State of Georgia. We believe that protecting these valuable resources improves the quality of life as well as the livability of our community, making Fulton County an attractive place to live, work and conduct business.

At the state level, the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) supports locally led soil and water conservation districts. Local conservation project funding is provided by the State of Georgia, along with grants from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, USDA-NRCS and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. More information is available at www.gaswcc.org or by calling (706) 552-4470.

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