



Three Rivers SWCD Teacher Newsletter Issue 6

A Message from Grace:

Hello Teachers! I hope you had a wonderful and restful summer—welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! If you are new here, my name is Grace Daughtrey and I am the Education and Outreach Coordinator at Three Rivers Soil and Water Conservation District.

As you settle back into your routines, I want to remind you that I'm here to support you however I can. In this newsletter, you'll find a list of resources that Three Rivers SWCD offers both in and out of the classroom. Whether you're interested in mini grants, hands-on lessons, or field trips, we're here to help bring environmental education into your classrooms!



Teacher Mini Grants

Three Rivers is offering a limited amount of mini grants to teachers in Essex, King William, and King and Queen Counties.

Our Mini Grant Program supports hands-on projects and materials like terrariums, hydroponic gardens, water quality kits, composting systems, and pollinator gardens that inspire students to care for our natural resources.

Applications are due by **September 5, 2025**. Apply now to secure funding for your project ideas!

You can find our application on our website (www.trswcd.org) or by emailing Grace at grace.daughtrey@trswcd.org.



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SOL Capsules

We have SOL Capsules for check out! The capsules are hands-on kits aligned with Virginia's Science Standards of Learning, designed for Pre-K through 6th grade. Each capsule includes a fun, interactive activity that teach students about natural resources, conservation, and the environment. Reserve one for your classroom by emailing grace.daughtrey@trswcd.org!



Interactive Soil Tent

We have an interactive 10x20 Soil Tent that provides students with the experience of seeing what life looks like above ground and underground! If you are interested in having the tent come to your school, please reach out to grace.daughtrey@trswcd.org.

NACD Poster Contest

It is time for the National Association of Conservation District (NACD) Annual Poster Contest! This contest provides K-12 students the ability to show how they feel about soil, water, and other natural resource issues through art.

This contest starts at the district level and have the ability to move up to state and national levels. Submissions from students will also be entered into a local poster contest run by Three Rivers SWCD.

Posters are due to Three Rivers SWCD by **October 10th, 2025**. This year's theme is "Home is Where the Habitat is"! If you have any questions, please reach out to grace.daughtrey@trswcd.org!

