

MORRIS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

To recognize individuals who use photography to capture conservation images effectively and creatively, the Morris County Conservation District is sponsoring its Seventeenth Annual Photography competition. Cash awards will be given, and winning entries will be exhibited at the District's Annual Meeting on January 28, 2017.

The contest is open to amateur photographers (those who earn less than 80% of their income from photography) who are residents of or attend school in Morris County. Photos entered must have been taken in this calendar year in Morris County, and may be entered in the following categories:

*Conservation Practices – Photos of volunteers planting trees or of district personnel advising a farmer could be entered in the category. Shots of erosion, a polluted stream or other conservation challenges are also appropriate.

*Opportunities in Conservation Education – Entries in this category might show a workshop for local teachers or a farmer learning about wetlands. This is also the place to enter your best photos of children taking part in conservation activities.

*Wildlife – In this category, you might show deer running through the woods or a bird nest in an urban neighborhood.

*Prairie Landscapes – Sunsets, pastures, city parks and other impressive views are appropriate subjects for this category.

*Youth Only – This category is designed for youths up to age 18. Photos may cover any of the above adult categories. All photos will be judged as one category.

Each participant may enter up to, but no more than, four photographs. The photographs will not be returned. They may be black and white or color, and will be judged together. Photos should be no larger than 8 X 10 inches and no smaller than 5 X 7 inches. Photographs should be placed in an 8 X 10 picture page envelope and they should not be matted.

A 3 X 5 notecard containing the following information must be attached to the back of each photo: photographer's name, address and phone number, and category entered. Negatives need to be enclosed in a protective jacket attached to the back of the picture at time of entry or email a jpeg.

One First Place Photo:	\$25.00 Cash Award
One Second Place Photo:	\$15.00 Cash Award
One Third Place Photo:	\$ 7.50 Cash Award
Five Honorable Mentions:	Brag Books

Entries are due November 4, 2016, at the Morris County Conservation District Office. For more information call Jo Bea Titus - Hutchinson at 620-767-5111 Extension 101. Upon acceptance of Cash Awards, all rights and privilege of winning photos and negatives belong to the Morris County Conservation District. Further photos may be deemed Honorable Mention with appropriate awards given.