

## Conservation and Environmental Awareness

### Poster and Speaking Contest

Each year the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department holds a local Poster and Speaking contest as part of the statewide Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association Poster and Speaking Contest. Speaking contest participants must place first at the local level to advance to the Area Contest and again at the Area level to move on to the State Competition. Posters that take first at County, Area, and State have an additional opportunity to move on to the National Competition.

The local Poster Contest is open to students in Oneida County in grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>. The theme for 2023 is “One Water”. Posters were due on January 5, will be judged on January 10, and must contain the theme on the poster.

The local Speaking Contest will have 6 participants in the Elementary Division (from Sugar Camp School) and will be held at the James Williams Middle School at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11. Five of the last six years Oneida County has produced a First Place Area Contest winner, three of which have gone on to become State Champions.

You are all welcome to attend this special event. Speeches are about 3-5 minutes long and can be on any subject about conservation of natural resources such as soil conservation, water pollution, invasive species, air quality, wildlife or forestry.