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Rex Mill Middle School Student Represents Clayton County in Essay Contest

Lindsey Perry, a student at Rex Mill Middle School, is the Clayton County winner in the sixth annual water conservation and water quality essay contest, sponsored by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Water District). The Water District is a planning entity dedicated to developing comprehensive watershed, wastewater and water supply and water conservation plans to be implemented by local governments in the 16-county metro Atlanta region. The Clean Water Campaign and Water Use It Wisely are public education campaigns designed to educate and promote behavior changes in water conservation and water quality.

Perry will be presented with an award at Rex Mill Middle School on Wednesday, January 16, 2008. Sonna Singleton, Member of Clayton Board of Commissioners will present Lindsey Perry with the County Award. Commissioner Singleton said, "As an award winning water authority, we provide water to more than 250,000 people in Clayton County. As a policy maker in Clayton County, it is my responsibility to ensure that water is available and safe to all in Clayton County. Clayton County must work together to conserve and preserve our water." In Perry's essay, she outlined a few ways we can all preserve and conserve water, "Some ideas for water conservation includes 1) only take five minute showers, which can save 1,000 gallons a month 2) while brushing your teeth, turn off the water and save four gallons a minute 3) wash your car on your lawn, which will water your grass at the same time and 4) only wash clothes when there is a full load, this can save 600 gallons per month. To help solve the problem of water pollution, do not dump anything down a storm drains, try to sparingly use pesticides and compost yard clippings."

The two campaigns, Clean Water Campaign and Water Use It Wisely, teamed up to encourage children and parents to address the growing need to improve water quality and water conservation efforts in Georgia. Students researched and shared their thoughts on why conserving water and preventing water pollution are important for the future of their river, lakes and streams. The main goal of this program is to encourage students to create inventive solutions to water conservation and water quality in metro North Georgia.

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The contest was open to sixth, seventh and eighth graders in Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding, Rockdale and Walton Counties. Each participating school submitted its winning essay for the county competition, and one overall winner was selected among the county winners. County winners receive a \$25 check along with a Clean Water Campaign / Water Use It Wisely certificate presented by an elected official from that county.

To view the names of the winners, and read the overall Water District winning essay please visit, the Clean Water Campaign website at www.cleanwatercampaign.com.

About the Campaigns

The **Clean Water Campaign** (www.cleanwatercampaign.com) is a cooperative, multi-agency education initiative spearheaded by local governments in metro Atlanta, supported by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and managed by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Its mission is to build awareness of water quality problems and solutions in the 16-county District.

Water- Use It Wisely (www.wateruseitwisely.com) is a program that educates consumers about simple water conservation measures. It is a multi-state program that is being sponsored in the metro Atlanta area by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.

Rex Mill Middle School is located at 6380 Evans Drive, Rex, GA 30273. For more information about the school or student, please call 770-474-0702.

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