

2025 PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR

CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE TRAY



SPONSORED BY: Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District

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ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, **February 24, 2025**, via delivery or mail to Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District
111 Yelvington Rd., Suite 4, E Palatka, FL 32131

CHECK-IN DATE & TIME: Tuesday, **March 18, 2025**
3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. @ Fairgrounds

JUDGING: Thursday, **March 20, 2025**

REMOVAL: Monday, **March 31, 2025**, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

RULES & REGULATIONS

A Conservation Landscape Tray displays, in miniature form, modern and accurate conservation techniques in agricultural, rural and /or urban settings.

1. The General Rules and Regulations of the Putnam County Fair apply to all shows and exhibits.
2. Exhibitors **MUST** use a 26"x20"x6" plastic tray (trays available for purchase at major home improvement centers or borrow from the sponsor).
3. All entries must be identified on the side of the tray with the following information:
 - Individual or Group Name
 - School, Chapter or Club
 - Age
 - Division
4. Model landscape from any suitable material. All entries must use materials that will last 10 days without replacement or upkeep.
5. Trays should be easy to lift and move, not excessively heavy.
6. Materials used in the tray should be securely fastened without the fear of shifting upon moving.
7. Exhibits brought in after the check-in deadline will be for display only and not considered eligible for judging.
8. PSWCD and Putnam County Fair Authority are not responsible for lost or missing items from any participants' landscape tray.
9. Exhibits and awards not picked up on the designated day and time may be forfeited and become the property of the Putnam County Fair.

JUDGING

1. Putnam Soil & Water Conservation District will designate three (3) judges to evaluate the entries based on the following criteria:
 - a. Appearance: neatness, materials used, and overall workmanship = 33 points
 - b. Authenticity: scale, effective use, and location of conservation practice = 33 points
 - c. Conservation Practices: effectively using a **minimum** of three (3) conservation practices (more than three (3) practices are encouraged) practices must be obvious to the viewer, and neatly labeled = 33 points
 - d. Compliance of "Rule # 3" listed above = 1 point

EXAMPLES OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES

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| composting | field windbreak/border | prescribed burning |
| crop rotation | hedgerow planting | renewable energy |
| conservation tillage | irrigation system | tree planting |
| cover crop | mulching | waste management |
| drainage | pasture & hay land management | wildlife management |
| fencing | pond site/watering facility | woodland management |

CLASSES/DIVISIONS

Individual Divisions: Junior 8-10 yr., Intermediate 11-13 yr. & senior 13-18 yr.

Group Division: Must consist of 2 or more students representing a Club, Chapter or School. Awards will be presented to the Club, Chapter or School, but does not earn points towards Youth Conservationist of the Year. One conservation landscape tray may be entered and must consist of two or more students representing a club, chapter or school.

AWARDS

- 1st** place in each division: \$50 and Ribbon
- 2nd** place in each division: \$40 and Ribbon
- 3rd** place in each division: \$30 and Ribbon
- Best of Show:** \$50 and Rosette