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Flat Rock Middle School Student Represents Fayette County in Essay Contest

Breeana Minton, a student at Flat Rock Middle School, is the Fayette County winner in the sixth annual water conservation and water quality essay contest, sponsored by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (The 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.

Breeana Minton will be presented with her award at Flat Rock Middle School on Friday, January 18, 2008. Jack Smith, Chairman of Fayette County Board of Commissioner, will present Breeana with the County Award. Chairman Smith said, "In order to meet the Governor's request to reduce water usage by Metro Atlanta including Fayette County residents, the Fayette County Board of Commissioners has put in place several measures to meet this goal. Some of the measure adopted by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners included installing waterless urinals throughout County buildings, implementing stiff fines for water violators and locking all irrigation meters and discontinuing their use until further notice." Minton's essay outlines several ways Fayette County residents can conserve water in their homes. In her essay she recommends, "In the morning when you brush your teeth and wash your hands, turn off the water. Outside of your home, use a broom instead of a hose to clean your sidewalk and save at least seventy gallons each time."

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 rivers, 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 District 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 Water District's 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.*

***Flat Rock Middle School** is located at 325 Jenkins Road,, Tyrone, GA 30290. For more information about the school or student, please call 770-969-2830.*

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