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## EAST COBB MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ARTWORK TO BE FEATURED IN CALENDAR

Cobb and Paulding county middle school students made a splash in Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's (CCMWA) second annual folk art contest, waterSmart waterArt – a creative competition that merges students' artistic talents with their passion for water conservation. Local artists and conservationists judged the 78 waterSmart waterArt submissions on artistic ability, water relevance and creativity. Claudia Varnedoe, an eighth grade student at Hightower Trail Middle School, received the highest scores for her entry that encouraged peers to “do your part” and conserve drinkable water on Earth.

The top 12 entries will be featured in the 2012 waterSmart waterArt calendar that will be distributed throughout metro Atlanta. This year's finalists represent middle school students in Cobb and Paulding counties, including the following East Cobb students:

Bradley Lovingood – Daniell Middle School

Damian Diaz – Daniell Middle School

Claudia Varnedoe – Hightower Trail Middle School

“waterSmart waterArt provides Cobb and Paulding middle school students with a creative platform to express their thoughts on conserving our water supply,” says Becky Mixon, waterSmart program director. “We are continually impressed by positive messages of conservation shown through the students’ artwork.”

To get involved with future waterSmart programs, go to [www.waterSmart.net](http://www.waterSmart.net), or go to [www.artstationcobb.org](http://www.artstationcobb.org) for directions to The Art Station-Big Shanty.