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**waterSmart Praises Cobb and Paulding County Students
for Contributing Original Artwork “waterSmart waterArt 2011 Calendar”
– Community Invited to Gallery Event Displaying Student Artwork –**

Marietta, Ga. (Dec. 4, 2010) – The Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA), Cobb County Water System and Paulding County Water System are proud to congratulate the 2010 winners of the First Annual waterSmart waterArt contest. Artwork from winning students will be featured in the 2011 waterSmart calendar, which will be distributed throughout Cobb & Paulding counties.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students created artwork using various mediums that answered the question, “What does water conservation mean to me?” More than 75 students from five middle schools submitted entries with a short explanation of their artwork. This year’s winners are:

Herbert Lauture, 7th Grade, South Paulding Middle School
Chidi Azuh, 8th Grade, Lovinggood Middle School
Alise Adams, 8th Grade, Lovinggood Middle School
Moises Coello, 6th Grade, Daniell Middle School
Jake Hanak, 6th Grade, Daniell Middle School
Christopher Longman, 8th Grade, Lovinggood Middle School
Elijah MacDonald, 7th Grade, Lovinggood Middle School
Geon Kim, 6th Grade, Daniell Middle School
Jason Womble, 7th Grade, Pine Mountain Middle School
Tahseen Taufiq, 7th Grade, Pine Mountain Middle School
Kasandra Pawlowski, 7th Grade, Pine Mountain Middle School
McKenna Hummel, 7th Grade, Pine Mountain Middle School

“We were extremely impressed by all of artwork submitted by students in both Cobb and Paulding County. It’s so wonderful to see how passionate kids can get over this important issue,” says Becky Mixon, waterSmart program director.

The student artist that received the highest scores from the panel of judges was 12 year old Herbert Lauture. In his submission, Herbert created a comic strip where he portrayed “waterSmart Man” conserving water. Each month of the calendar includes a piece of artwork from a winning contestant and a quote from the student’s description of their artwork.

Glenn Page, the general manager of CCMWA and Paulding County Commissioner David Austin spoke to attendees about water usage and conservation. “When you can get people of all ages, throughout multiple communities, you know you’re making a difference,” said Page while praising the event.

To see pictures of the winning artwork visit www.Facebook.com/waterSmartprograms.

About waterSmart

The waterSmart program was initiated by the CCMWA in 2000 to educate their service area residents of all ages about the importance of indoor and outdoor water conservation and to help encourage sustainable, year-round conservation, regardless of climate conditions. The CCMWA is in its tenth year of providing the waterSmart program to the community. For more information on water conservation and waterSmart, visit www.waterSmart.net

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