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ANNOUNCING THE WONDER OF TREES POSTER CONTEST
FOR AREA STUDENTS

PURCELLVILLE, VA, October 30, 2019—The Town of Purcellville's Tree and Environment Sustainability Committee and the Purcellville Arts Council are pleased to announce the Wonder of Trees Poster Contest for students. The goals are to engage students in learning about the benefits of planting trees and to help increase awareness within the community by featuring the winning posters at Town Hall. Submissions for the contest are to show how planting trees helps the environment, which may include: cleaning the air, trapping carbon, cleaning water, providing food and shelter for wildlife, or helping people (food, resources, shade, health benefits).

The Wonder of Trees Poster Contest is open to any current student in the Purcellville area, including students at all schools that feed into Woodgrove High School and Loudoun Valley High School (Kenneth Culbert Elementary, Emerick Elementary, Hamilton Elementary, Hillsboro Charter Academy, Lovettsville Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Round Hill Elementary, Waterford Elementary, Blue Ridge Middle, Harmony Middle, Woodgrove High School, Loudoun Valley High School) as well as homeschooled children. There will be a total of nine winners—three winners each from elementary, middle, and high school levels. Winning submissions will be featured in Town Hall in for the month of April 2020 for Arbor Day. The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. EST on Friday, January 31, 2020. The rules and application are available on the Town of Purcellville's website at this link: https://purcellvilleva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9025/Wonder-of-Trees-Post-Contest-2019-2020.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia
"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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