

2018 Reclaim Our Water Film Contest Rules, Guidelines & Instructions

Your entry is not complete until you fill out the **contest entry form**. Please download, complete, sign, scan and email the form to ROWFILMCONTEST@SUFFOLKCOUNTYNY.GOV . Your entry will not be included in judging if you have not completed the entry form. An email verifying receipt will be sent as soon as the entry form is received.

You must be a NEW YORK STATE resident to enter and win. Suffolk County employees, contractors, or grantees and their immediate family members may enter, but are not eligible to win.

- Entries must address water protection and restoration efforts on Long Island.
- Entrants must complete the contest entry form and provide valid contact information. You must have a contest consent form filled out and signed by each person appearing in the video, and his/her guardian if s/he is a minor. If the entrant is a minor the legal guardian **MUST COMPLETE the Reclaim Our Water Film Contest consent form**.
- Entry forms must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 9, 2018 via email to:
ROWFILMCONTEST@SUFFOLKCOUNTYNY.GOV
- Video submissions must be uploaded by 5:00pm, Friday, November 9, 2018
- Entries will be judged by an expert panel on the basis of creativity and originality, quality, technical accuracy, and content of the message. Suffolk County reserves the right to not select a winner if none of the entries received are judged to be high quality based on the above criteria.
- The video must be your own original creation. No copyrighted music, video, or images may be used in the video.
- Your video must not infringe on any third party rights.
- Videos previously produced for compensation are not eligible.
- By submitting a video to this contest, you grant to Suffolk County a royalty-free license to copy, distribute, modify, display and perform publicly and otherwise use, and authorize others to use, your video for any educational purpose throughout the world and in any media.
- Suffolk County reserves the right to make your video available to the general public from its Website and to distribute it to any organizations interested in showing it for educational purposes, including, but not limited to, Internet sites, at conferences and events, on television, and other media outlets.
- Suffolk County will disqualify any entries it deems to contain offensive material.
- Contenders will be notified via e-mail prior to the awards ceremony and winners will be announced on the contest Web site following the ceremony.

Step 1: Get the Details

- Videos must be submitted in exactly :15, :30, :60, :90, or :120 second segments suitable for TV. *Submissions that do not fall within these time frames will not be judged.*
- Videos will be judged by an expert panel on the basis of:
 - Creativity and Originality
 - Quality
 - Technical Accuracy
 - Content of Message

Special consideration will be given to videos that address:

1. Problem: Nitrogen

2. Sources: untreated wastewater, conventional cesspools and septic systems, fertilizer, etc.
 3. Consequences: harmful algae blooms, fish-kills, shellfish die-offs, contracting wetlands, etc.
 4. Solutions: innovative/advanced wastewater systems that greatly diminish nitrogen, low-nitrogen fertilizer, etc.
- Keep it clean. No violence, profanity, sex, or direct attacks on individuals or organizations.
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Step 2: Make your Video

Your video should meet the following requirements.

- Your video must be submitted as a QuickTime/MOV, WMV, MPEG, or AVI and must be uploaded to a video hosting site of your choice. Please provide the link to your film on the entry form.
- The video file should not exceed 50 MB.
- You must have a video or photograph release form signed by each person appearing in the video, and his/her guardian if s/he is a minor. The video should end with text that directs the viewers to our Website for a minimum of **three-seconds**: “reclaimourwater.info”.
- The winners must provide copies of the original video files to Suffolk County to receive the prizes.

Videos can be funny or serious, as long as they focus on the contest theme and show steps that can be taken to improve water quality.

Step 3: Make it Official — Complete the Entry Form

NOTE: Your entry form must be emailed to ROWFILMCONTEST@SUFFOLKCOUNTYNY.GOV and videos must be uploaded by 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 9, 2018. Suffolk County will not be responsible for videos if they are lost or destroyed.

NO VIDEO WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT A SIGNED ENTRY FORM.

Privacy Policy

Personal information collected from video submitters to the Suffolk County Reclaim Our Water Film Contest will never be sold. The information collected for this contest will only be used to contact video submitters in direct relation to the contest.

The contest winners' names (and the names of any honorable mentions Suffolk County may select) will be announced publicly, after consultation with the winners and any honorable mentions, as a part of the Suffolk County Reclaim Our Water Film Contest award recognition process.

All personal information collected through the contest website will be destroyed within 6 months of the conclusion of the Suffolk County Reclaim Our Water Film Contest. Any videos posted to a video hosting site will be subject to the privacy policy of the respective site.

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