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waterSmartSM Honors 12 Cobb County Elementary Students in 16th Annual Adventures of Tappy Turtle Artist Challenge

MARIETTA, Ga. (February 4, 2021) – The Cobb County Water System and the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA) congratulate the 12 Cobb County elementary school students selected as this year’s winners of the 16th Annual The Adventures of Tappy Turtle Coloring Book artist challenge.

The artist challenge invited Cobb County fourth and fifth grade students to draw Tappy Turtle, Cobb Water System’s water conservation mascot, demonstrating water conservation tips. The challenge received almost 200 entries from 8 participating schools.

The Adventures of Tappy Turtle & Allatoona Ally 2021 coloring book will be distributed throughout the community and is available for free download at www.cobbcounty.org/watersmart. Winning artists were also honored during a virtual reception on Wednesday, February 3.

This year’s winners are:

Allison R., Fifth grade, Varner Elementary

Seojun C., Fourth grade, Bells Ferry Elementary

Raina B., Fifth grade, Mountain View Elementary

Emmi F., Fourth grade, Bullard Elementary

Joshlyn L., Fourth grade, Compton Elementary

Jerald U., Fourth grade, Pitner Elementary

Angel L., Fifth grade, Varner Elementary

Aniston Y., Fourth grade, Bells Ferry Elementary

Riya K., Fourth grade, Mountain View Elementary

Viviana U., Fourth grade, Bullard Elementary

Maria F., Fifth grade, Green Acres Elementary

Favour C., Fourth grade, Sanders Elementary

Allison R., this year's cover art winner, reminded residents to "use rain barrels to collect water to use on plants instead of using a hose." Her drawing will be showcased on the front cover of the coloring book.

Angie Marcus, Program Supervisor at Cobb County Water System, said, "We are proud of all the water conservation tips illustrated by Cobb's young artists and look forward to sharing this coloring book with the community."

"I am amazed at the talent of these students. It was truly a pleasure to see their enthusiasm concerning water conservation," said Pat Tibbitts, Program Director for waterSmart at CCMWA.

The waterSmartSM program was initiated by CCMWA in 2000, to educate their service area residents of all ages that indoor and outdoor water conservation is a key factor in building a legacy of a sustainable water supply for the community.