# KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

## *Somers Youth Initiative*

Keep America Beautiful – Somers Youth Initiative aims to educate the youth of Somers about the importance of caring for our planet, encourage environmental stewardship, and foster an appreciation for the natural beauty that surrounds us.

The vision of this initiative is to invite children in our community to share their thoughts and feelings about Earth Day each year through artistic drawings. By providing opportunities for children to engage with local nature, we empower them to recognize their ability to create a meaningful and positive impact.

I had the pleasure of launching this program last year with the Children's Place Pre-School on South Road. During my visit, the children listened as I read about recycling, followed by an engaging discussion about litter. Their enthusiasm was inspiring! The children then expressed their ideas about Earth Day through drawing and coloring. This year, two visual signs will be installed around town displaying last year's artwork, allowing the children's messages to remain visible for all to enjoy.

This year, **all children residing in Somers are invited to participate**. Children are encouraged to create a drawing that represents what Earth Day means to them. Completed artwork may be submitted by email to **RC@somersct.gov** or dropped off at **Public Works, 93 Egypt Road**. One artist's work will be selected for display in the town.

**Submission Deadline:** April 30, 2026

**Submission Link:** Keep America Beautiful - Somers Youth Initiative – Submission Form

*NOTE: The brighter and more colorful the artwork is the better the select piece can be seen by commuters passing by.*