

11th Annual NJDEP Map Contest

1998 NJDEP Mapping Contest

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*Standing from left: Kristin Mylecraine, Tom McKee, Andrew Dickholtz, John Pavek, Commissioner Shinn, Paul Caris, Gail Carter, Jeff Hoffman, Jeff Smith
Seated from left: Barbara Plunkett, Merrilee Torres, Doug Schleifer, Donna Orbok*

- 31 Maps were entered by 29 different people
- 19 submitted by DEP Personnel
- 9 submitted by County People representing 6 different Counties
(Burlington, Somerset, Atlantic, Bergen, Middlesex, and Passaic)
- 1 submitted by an NGO

Although the competition is always tough at the Annual Mapping Contest, this year's contest proved particularly challenging to DEP staff. The reason? - fierce cartographic competition from GIS users in county and non-profit organizations! This year DEP invited a number of fellow agencies using GIS technology to participate in the fun. Users mingled, shared ideas and hung their respective maps on the wall hoping for fame and glory. Commissioner Shinn joined in the festivities as well, handing out the prizes and inspiring us all to continue using GIS to advance the goals of the Department. Fish, Game and Wildlife's Jeff Smith took top DEP honors for his masterpiece, *Antlered Deer Harvest Trends*. The big county winners were Paul Caris and Andrew Dickholtz of Middlesex for *Major Projects Identified for the Arthur Kill*. Doug Schleifer of the Upper Raritan Watershed Association's was the non-profit victor for his entry, *Landuse/Landcover in Contributing Area*. A list of all the winners appears below. Many of the maps entered in the DEP contest were displayed at the annual ESRI GIS conference in San Diego.

Winners

- Best GIS Application** Merrilee Torres *Megan's Law Sex Offender Notification*
- Best Use of GIS to Inform** Jeff Smith (1st) *Antlered Deer Harvest Trends*; Donna Orbok (2nd) *Bergen County Transit Map*
- Best Use of GIS Analytical Capabilities** Tom McKee *Analysis of Landuse Distribution*
- Most Innovative Use of GIS** Gail Carter *Water Purveyors Questionnaire*
- Small Format Black & White** Kristin Mylecraine *Atlantic White Cedar (Bass River)*
- Most Attractive Map** Barbara Plunkett/Patty Leidner *NEARC 97*
- Rookie of the Year** Jeff Hoffman *NJ Water Withdrawals*
- Best Overall Map (DEP)** Jeff Smith *Antlered Deer Harvest Trends*
- Best Overall Map (County Gov.)** Paul Caris/Andrew Dickholtz *Major Projects Identified for Arthur Kill*
- Best Overall Map (Non-Profit)** Doug Shleifer *Landuse/Landcover in Contributing Area*