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## **NJMC Takes Top Honor at 27<sup>th</sup> Annual NJDEP GIS Mapping Contest**

**LYNDHURST, N.J.** – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) is pleased to announce that staffers from its Geographic Information Systems (GIS) group took first place overall at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection GIS Mapping Contest. More than 40 posters detailing web-based, digital maps were submitted by participants from state, county and local government agencies; and New Jersey public and private colleges, universities and high schools. The competition was held this month in Trenton.

“The Meadowlands Commission congratulates its GIS team for its outstanding first place showing at the State Mapping Contest,” said Marcia Karrow, Executive Director of the NJMC. “This accomplishment reflects our highly-skilled staff’s hard work, dedication and creativity in pursuing innovative and helpful digital mapping technology that will continue to assist Meadowlands District towns’ first responders prepare for emergencies.”

Marielis Nunez and Jose Baez took the top honor for their map, “Using a Mobile Device to Collect and Retrieve Pre-Plan Information for Fire Emergencies.” The theme of this year’s contest was “GIS-Keeping New Jersey Safe.”

The GIS group is part of the Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute (MERI), the science and technology arm of the NJMC. The department uses state-of-the-art technology to create, maintain and update comprehensive, web-based digital maps and mapping tools for every property in each Meadowlands District municipality.

These web applications provide emergency officials within District municipalities instant access to emergency information, including building material, the locations of hazardous materials, floor plans and turn-around space for heavy firefighting equipment. The potentially life-saving information can easily be accessed from field computers, tablets and smart phones.

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