



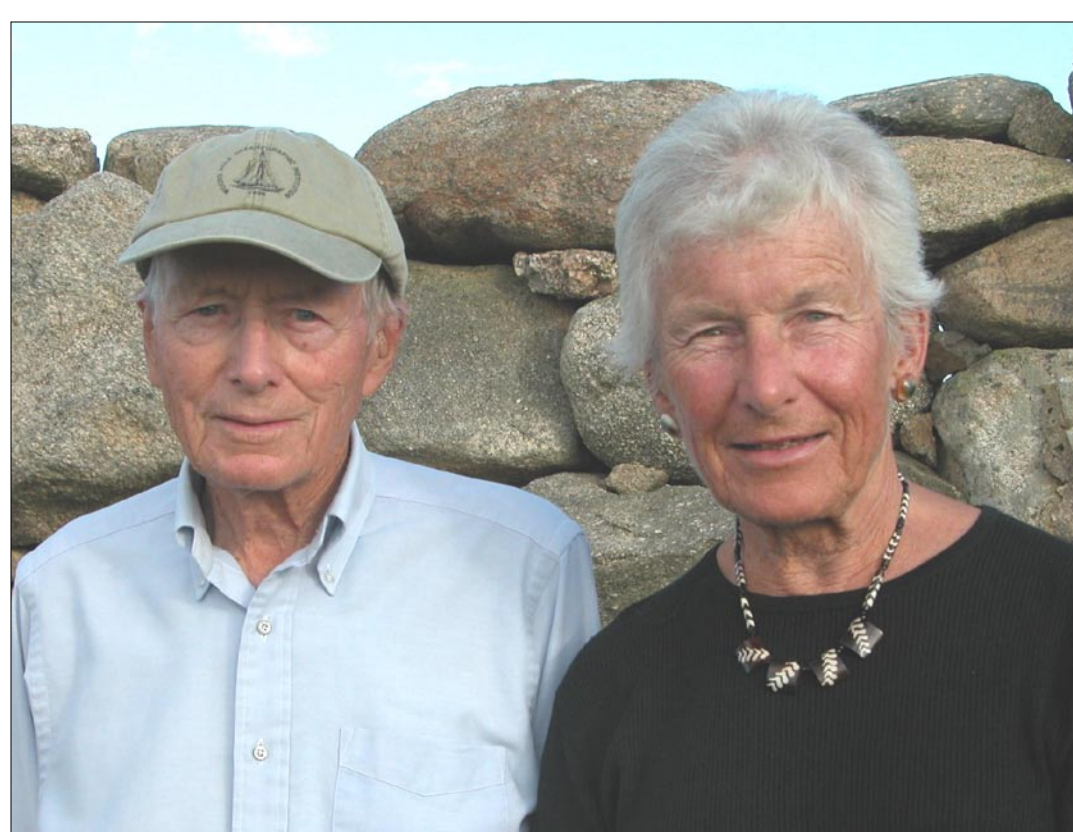
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A look back...

PETER THACHER AWARD WINNERS, 1999-2004

ABOUT THE AWARD

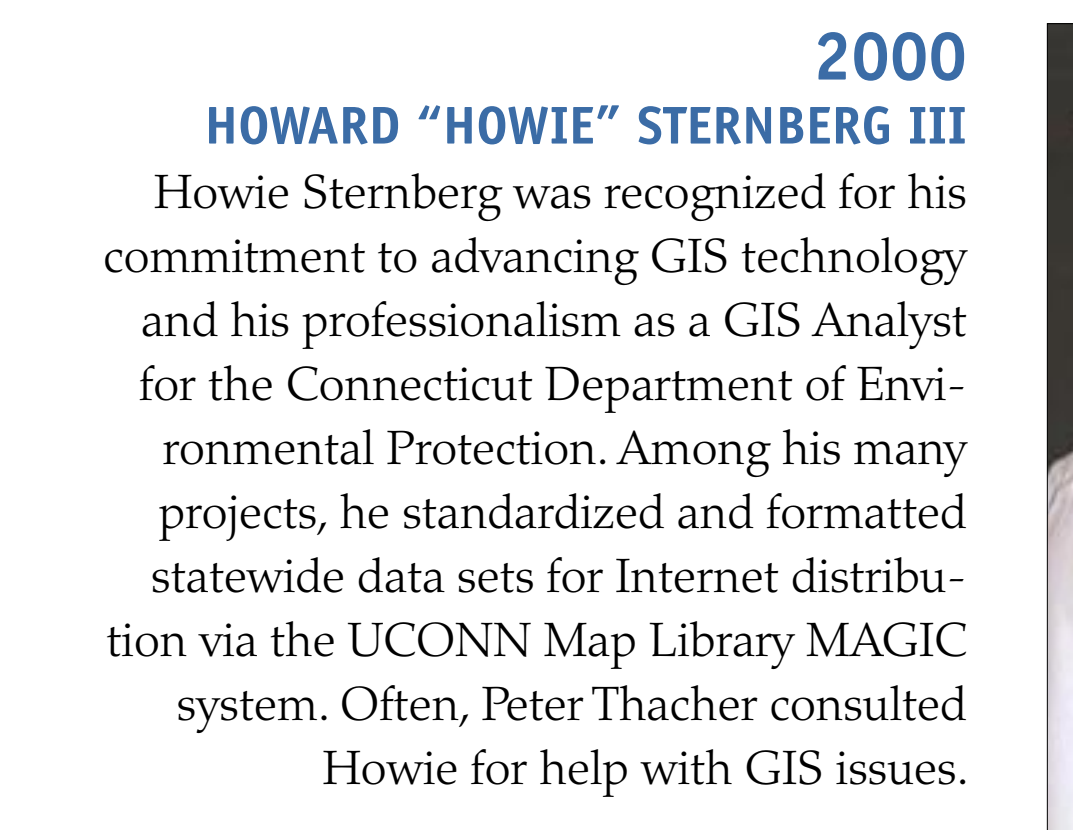
The Peter S. Thacher Award is a memorial to Peter Shaw Thacher of Stonington, Connecticut. Peter Thacher, a retired diplomat with the United Nations, and Distinguished Fellow with the World Resources Institute, lived the phrase "Think Global, Act Local." He was a Founder and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environmental Programme. Locally, Peter Thacher was a pioneer in using modern computer mapping technologies to assist Stonington in the developing environmentally sound planning policies. He was an active member of NEARC and an outspoken advocate for Geographic Information System (GIS). The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated commitment and excellence in using GIS technology to achieve success in natural resource management and conservation at the local level.



1999
DON AND DOROTHY MCCLUSKEY
Don and Dorothy — from Block Island, Rhode Island, and Branford, Connecticut — were recognized for their contribution to the development of an accurate and comprehensive GIS database of environmental and other information for the Island. Since 1987, the McCluskey's have worked closely with students and Block Island officials on keeping the database current and using it to protect the Island's natural, cultural, and aesthetic resources.



2002
LYMAN ORTON
LymAn Orton, from Vermont, was recognized for his personal passion and commitment to using GIS to empower citizens and communities to better plan for future generations. He is driven by strong community spirit, vision, and commitment to fair and equitable planning that protects public interests, the economic vitality of an area, and the environmental underpinnings of our communities. He recognizes GIS as a core instrument in achieving environmental protection at the local level. Lyman Orton has committed significant resources to the development of GIS tools to support the planning efforts for rural communities throughout New England and America.



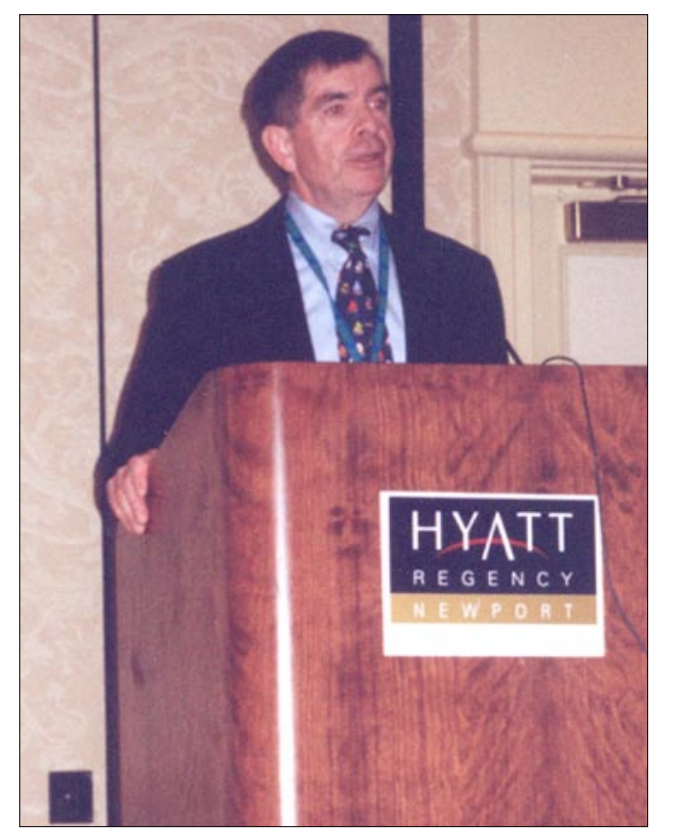
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HOWARD "HOWIE" STERNBERG III
Howie Sternberg was recognized for his commitment to advancing GIS technology and his professionalism as a GIS Analyst for the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. Among his many projects, he standardized and formatted statewide data sets for Internet distribution via the UCONN Map Library MAGIC system. Often, Peter Thacher consulted Howie for help with GIS issues.



2001
GLENN HAZELTON
Glenn Hazelton, from Ipswich, Massachusetts, was recognized for his role as the Chair of Ipswich's Open Space Committee. He played a major leadership role in coordinating efforts to help pass a \$10 million Open Space Bond for the acquisition of interests in real estate for the purposes of open space protection, water supply protection, and recreation. He used his GIS expertise to help identify which parcels should be targeted for acquisition/protection. Glenn's technical expertise and his willingness to spend hundreds, if not thousands, of hours of his own time sharing that expertise and helping to develop maps and GIS systems for the town resulted in a clear and cohesive series of tools that guide Open Space Bond Program staff and volunteers.



2003
JIM MCLAUGHLIN
Jim McLaughlin from New Hampshire was recognized for his personal passion and commitment to using GIS to empower local communities to better plan for future generations. Jim is the behind-the-scenes architect of the New Hampshire Geographically Referenced Analysis and Information Transfer (GRANIT) program. In the mid-80's Jim recognized that effective rural planning required GIS. In partnership with the University of New Hampshire, he developed a central database for the state, and a created a delivery system to get the data to the rural communities to support their work.



2004
JOHN BARGE
John Barge, from New York, was recognized for his dedication and commitment to the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and GIS technology. John Barge has been working in the field of cartography and GIS in the Adirondacks since the summer of 1981. He began his career as a summer intern with APA, where he conducted a needs assessment for a new computerized storage system for maps. He then went to work with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and was involved with the development of Forest Preserve Unit Management Plans. He returned to APA in 1983, where he had an immediate impact by successfully installing the very first ERDAS, a computer mapping software, in the world.