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## **DAVID HEALY RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

David Healy, a principal at Stone Environmental, has won the Vermont Center for Geographic Information's annual "Outstanding Achievement Award" for his use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) tools to improve his community.

Mr. Healy is an environmental planner, policy analyst, and manager with 39 years of experience in federal and state governments and the private sector. He is considered a leading innovator in the use of GIS to solve complex analytical and technical problems. Through his involvement in the drafting of a landmark growth management law in Vermont (Act 200) and his work within the administration of Governor Madeleine Kunin, Mr. Healy was instrumental in establishing the Vermont Center for Geographic Information (VCGI) in the late 1980s and served on its board for many years.

According to Leslie Pelch, outreach coordinator for VCGI, the Outstanding Achievement Award is given to "a Vermont GIS professional or citizen GIS user who has effectively used and promoted GIS as a tool to improve his or her community at a local, regional, statewide, national, or international scale."

Since joining Stone Environmental, an international consulting firm in Montpelier, Vermont, in 1995, Mr. Healy has developed the organization's expertise in GIS and database application design programming, spatial analysis, data management, remote sensing, mobile GIS solutions, and GIS mapping. Most recently, Mr. Healy led a team which worked with the New York Ocean and Great Lakes Ecosystem Conservation Council to design and build the New York Ocean and Great Lakes Atlas & GeoPortal (<http://portal.nygecc.stone-env.com/geoportal/>), a web site to provide universal access to geospatial datasets for use in ecosystem-based management and coastal spatial planning.

Chris Stone, president of Stone Environmental, said "Through his broad experience, knowledge, and innovation in the field of spatial analytics, David brings complex information to life for our clients and key stakeholders. We congratulate him on a well-deserved honor."

Mr. Healy earned his M.S. in Urban Planning from the University of California, Los Angeles and a B.S. in Meteorology from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

Stone Environmental, Inc. is a 36-person consulting firm located in Montpelier, Vermont. The company employs 31 scientists and engineers who specialize in four service areas: water resources management, contaminated sites investigation & remediation, applied information management, and agrochemical fate and exposure assessment. The organization was founded in 1992.

Photo caption: David Healy (right) receives the 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award from Steve Sharp, Senior Project Manager at VCGI (left) on May 3, 2011 at the Vermont Spatial Data Round Table Meeting in Rutland, Vermont (photo courtesy of Leslie Pelch, VCGI).

