



Join the County of Burlington, New Jersey  
in Celebrating GIS Day at our **Map Gallery & Contest**

**November 13-16, 2012**

### What is GIS?

More than one million people across the globe rely on geographic information system (GIS) technology to solve problems and make better decisions by thinking and planning geographically. GIS combines computer hardware, software, and data to collect, manage, and analyze geographic information. With GIS, users can view relationships, processes, patterns, and trends in the form of maps, globes, reports, and charts. From mapping wildfires to finding the best location for your favorite coffee shop, GIS helps people see how the world works and changes.

### What is GIS Day?

Since 1999, more than 10,000 organizations have participated in GIS Day by hosting events such as open houses, hands-on workshops, community expos, career fairs, school-wide assemblies, and mapping projects. GIS Day success is due to the hard work and dedication of GIS users around the world who see the importance of sharing their GIS knowledge with others.

### How is GIS used in Burlington County?

At the County of Burlington County GIS is used by many departments for mapping, analysis, and decision making. These include Information Technology, Public Safety, Resource Conservation, Engineering, Prosecutors, Highway and Health. GIS is also used in and around Burlington County by many organizations including police, fire, EMS, planners, engineers, environmental commissions, non-profits and private companies. The specific use of GIS varies based on each organization's needs.

### Who Should Attend?

All individuals interested in how geography, through the technology of GIS, affects your everyday life! No registration is required for this event.

For more information or to enter a map, contact:  
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Deadline to submit a map is November 9th

Previous map contest winners can be viewed at [www.co.burlington.nj.us/dit](http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/dit) , click GIS Day



### Event: GIS Map Gallery & Contest

**Date:** Tuesday, November 13 – Friday, November 16, 2012  
**Time:** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm daily  
**Location:** 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby  
Burlington County Administrative Building  
49 Rancocas Road  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060



### Description

The Map Gallery will display maps produced by various GIS users in Burlington County. Contributors will include County departments, municipalities, non-profits, and private sector companies. Attendees are invited to vote for their favorite maps in a map contest.

### Contest Details

Maps will be voted on in variety of categories including Most Attractive/Artistic, Most Informative, Best Overall, Best Application/Use of GIS, Best New GIS User, and Best First-time Presenter. First, second and third place winners will receive a certificate at the next Burlington County Users Group meeting and will have their maps displayed on the Burlington County GIS webpage.

Maps may be sent as hard copies or emailed as PDFs or images. Maps submitted by the morning of November 5<sup>th</sup> will also be displayed at GIS Day at Burlington County College on November 7<sup>th</sup>.