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Ms. Terry M. Bellamy
Mayor
City of Asheville
P.O. Box 7148
Asheville, NC 28802

Dear Mayor Bellamy:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the city on receiving the G. Herbert Stout Award for Visionary Use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) by Local Government in North Carolina. This award was presented last month at the 2009 NC GIS Conference in Raleigh.

The award was presented on behalf of the NC Geographic Information Coordinating Council and recognizes the exemplary work of a municipality and a county in North Carolina in implementing GIS technology to improve services to citizens.

The work of the entire team that created mapAsheville is truly exemplary. With a goal of better serving the needs of city staff and the public, the team developed a diverse set of applications intended to be cost-effective, comprehensive, and sustainable. The user base has increased by 20% and maintenance costs have decreased – two important results of the mapAsheville effort.

Your work and the results that you have achieved are a fine example for other municipalities in North Carolina to follow. Congratulations again on receiving the G. Herbert Stout Award.

Sincerely,

Tim Johnson, GISP
Staff Director, Geographic Information Coordinating Council
Chair, 2009 NC GIS Conference