

2007 MWMC Carl Weber Award – Abby Markowitz

Abby Markowitz is widely regarded in “monitoring circles” around Maryland. She has been instrumental with the crucial aspects of education and outreach on the benefits of environmental monitoring – not only in Maryland, but nation-wide. Abby’s years with Tetra Tech was devoted to furthering the concept of water resource monitoring, whether it be preparing educational materials, translating scientific documents and papers into more readable and understandable contributions, facilitating workshops (on her own time, as well as professionally), and spending time devoted to interacting with key individuals in agencies and the general public. She coordinated the National Water Quality Monitoring Council conferences from the beginning, and contributed to its growth from 200 to 900 attendees in the last conference.

2007 MWMC Carl Weber Award – Dr. Paul Massicot

Dr. Paul Massicot was Director of Maryland DNR’s Resource Assessment Service from 1995-2003 and Director of DNR’s Tidewater Administration from 1987 to 1995. As a pioneer in the water monitoring realm in Maryland Paul oversaw the bulk of water monitoring programs within DNR. From its inception, Paul was a staunch backer of the MWMC, even during the toughest of financial times at DNR. He had the foresight to understand that water monitoring would involve more and more collaboration, and that a statewide organization would be critical.

Paul had a keen and unusual interest in the details behind water monitoring. Paul also actively contributed to development of the Clean Water Action Plan - recognized as perhaps the best state effort in the nation, and he also shepherded Maryland DNR’s current water monitoring strategy. He had a keen interest in following the 121 monitoring design changes used by Maryland Biological Stream Survey over the years, and pushed all under his command to strive for water monitoring excellence.