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Sewall Converts Mount Vernon Parcel Mapping to ESRI Geodatabase

Mount Vernon Geodatabase tax maps first in New York to meet compliance with State rules

(Old Town, Maine--25 September 2003) National GIS firm James W. Sewall Company recently completed a tax map conversion to ESRI geodatabase for the City of Mount Vernon, New York. Using hand-drafted mylar tax maps, originally compiled from deeds and surveys by Sewall division Weiler Mapping, Sewall converted the City's 11,200 parcels to geodatabase format, modifying the ESRI parcel model to conform to the New York Office of Real Property Services (ORPS) requirements. In the process, Sewall created new plotting routines and procedures for efficient, cost-effective maintenance over the Web. With recent ORPS approval, the City's digital mapping is the first in geodatabase format to meet compliance in the State, establishing a standard for other municipalities.

According to Ross Testa, Tax Map Program Manager of ORPS, the "new parcel model concept and structure will allow counties to better address their tax map maintenance procedures and make the process relatively user friendly." Sewall will manage tax map maintenance for the City out of Weiler Mapping's Elmira, New York, office.

Founded in 1880 as a surveying and engineering firm, Sewall has provided comprehensive GIS consulting services to government, utility companies, and the forest industry since the 1970s. Sewall's expertise in GIS project implementation is supported by 50 years' experience in aerial photography and landbase mapping and 30 years' experience in data conversion and application development. Earlier this year, Sewall acquired Weiler Mapping, a firm with over 30 years' experience in parcel-based GIS. Weiler has completed projects for 29 counties in New York State and for many towns throughout Westchester County and New England. Sewall and Weiler have implemented a successful Web-based data maintenance program and are assisting clients in database migration to ESRI ArcGIS. Sewall is a corporate business partner with ESRI and an authorized developer of ESRI software.

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