



2020 TNGIC Annual GIS Conference Map Gallery

We are excited to announce the Map Gallery for 2020. TNGIC Members are invited to fill out the submission form online at the link below. Please contact Mark Crow at mcrow@smeinc.com or at 423-930-6097 if you have any questions.

[Click Here to Submit Your Map!](#)

Award Categories

- **Best Cartographic Design** - Awarded to the map that artistically employs the elements of cartography without compromising use and functionality. Maps will be judged on fundamental cartographic principles including figure ground representations, visual hierarchy, color selection, typography, symbology, overall aesthetic appearance, etc.
- **Best Analysis** - Awarded to the map that is best designed to display the results of spatial data analysis and presents the information in an unbiased way, allowing the viewer to extract their own conclusions, utilizing the map as a tool.
- **Best Student Map** - Awarded to the best overall student map. Submitted maps may be cartographic or analytically focused. Student maps and research posters are separate categories. Student Maps contain all the information being conveyed are within the confines of the map's border. Maps will be judged on basic cartographic design principals as well as effectiveness in communicating the intended message.
- **Best Student Research Poster** – Awarded to the best overall student research poster. Student research posters must have some spatial component to the research, and contain at least one map, but may also contain written narratives, charts, photos, graphics, statistical analysis, etc. Posters will be judged on the overall design of the poster and its ability to guide the viewer through the research project from hypotheses to conclusions. Students may formally present their posters to the judges during the time listed in the conference proceedings, however, attendance during judging is optional.
- **Best Online Map or App** – Awarded to the best Online Map or App (such as a dashboard or story map). Map entries will be judged before the conference. All web maps or apps must be made public (not password protected). Maps will be accessible for conference goers via hyperlinks in the conference app, as well as in the map gallery. This category will not be eligible for the Viewer's Choice award. Maps and Apps will be judged on the effectiveness of the overall design, symbology, labeling, and/or popups in conveying the information about the given topic.

The map or app must contain at least one layer that was either collected by the entrant or generated from their analysis.

- **Viewer's Choice** – Award chosen by the attendees for the best overall physical map in the map gallery. Maps entered the day of the conference are eligible for viewer's choice.

Rules and Regulations

Each entrant must bring their physical map to the event. General poster size should be no larger than E-sized (34 in X 44 in). A .pdf of your map (96 dpi) must be submitted via e-mail to the map gallery coordinator (mcrow@smeinc.com) by March 30, 2020 to be considered for judging. MAPS RECEIVED AFTER March 20, 2020 WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR JUDGING AND ONLY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE VIEWERS CHOICE AWARD.

Conference Proceedings

Maps are to be checked in at the conference registration table. Authors may be available in the map gallery at a time designated in the conference agenda to answer questions about their map (attendance during judging is optional). Award recipients will be announced during lunch of the second day of the conference and be posted on the TNGIC website.