

2008 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



LOIS DE VRIES

YOUR 2008 PSEG ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENT
NOMINATED BY DIANE GILLESPIE



From left: Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards, medalist Lois De Vries, and Ed Selover, from PSEG.

From left: Lois De Vries and her nominator Diane Gillespie.

Lois's volunteer efforts in assuring that the Andover Township's natural resources remain the attraction that brings new residents into the community serves as an inspiration to others to join in those efforts. She currently sits as a member of the Open Space Committee, the Land Use Board and serves as chairperson of the Environmental Commission, a post she has held for the past five years. Under Lois's leadership, the Commission instituted a Dark Skies Initiative and developed partnerships that, together, produced a Sensitive Areas Map, along with a Township

specific Landscape Project set of maps and inventories. Single handedly, she has secured grants that have enabled Andover Township to hire professionals to generate a Natural Resources Inventory, a Build Out Capacity Analysis, and an Open Space Plan. She has also instituted partnership programs with local organizations to develop a plant rescue venture and is developing a pilot program that will convert the many detention basins in the Township into sites conducive to native animal and plant habitats.

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