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## Clippings

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## Maffei Receives GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Award

**M**ichael Maffei, CGCS, Past President of the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association and New York State Turfgrass Association, has received the 2008 Excellence in Government Relations Award in the Advocacy Category from the Golf Course Superintendents Association.

He was honored at the 2008 Golf Industry Show in Orlando, Florida. The award ceremony was held during the opening session of the GCSAA Education Conference on January 31, 2008.

Michael received the advocacy award for his outstanding individual and chapter efforts in government relations. Criteria for award selection include the creation of programs to encourage member compliance with laws and regulations, effective communication, and building alliances and coalitions with green industry associations.



*NYSTA Past President, Jim Hornung Sr. (left), is honored with the Citation of Merit award at the 2007 Empire State Green Industry Show. Michael Maffei, CGCS (right) presents the award.*



*Larry Wilson, pictured here giving a presentation at NYSTA's 2006 Turfgrass Advocacy Day, received the Friend of the Green Industry Award at the 2007 Empire State Green Industry Show.*

## NYSTA Presents Citation of Merit and Friend of the Green Industry Awards

**T**he New York State Turfgrass Association, (NYSTA), presented the Citation of Merit Award to Mr. James Hornung Sr., Past President of NYSTA and owner of Elbers Landscape Service, Inc. and Great Lakes Athletic Fields located in Buffalo, New York. The award was presented on November 13, 2007, at the Empire State Green Industry Show in Rochester, New York. Mr. Hornung was chosen to receive the Citation of Merit, NYSTA's most prestigious award, because of his dedication to turfgrass research and education; involvement in and support of association activities; interest in promoting careers in the turfgrass industry; community involvement; and admiration and respect of peers and colleagues.

Jim Hornung served on the NYSTA Board of Directors since 1992 and became President of the Association in 2004. He was recently appointed as Commissioner of Parks & Recreation by Erie County Executive Chris Collins. Hornung is also Chairman of the Foundation Board for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County and a Past President of the Western New York State Nursery and Landscape Association. He served on the Board of Directors of the New York State Nursery and Landscape Association and Buffalo Pest Management Board, and is a member of the Sports Turf Managers Association.

On Wednesday, November 14, Mr. Larry Wilson, Chairman of the New York Alliance for Environmental Concerns (NYAFEC), received NYSTA's Friend of the Green Industry Award, which is given to individuals who have excelled in support of the industry. As Chair of NYAFEC, Mr. Wilson has joined separate industry groups together to educate lawmakers and the public on the many benefits derived from environmental horticulture in New York. Larry Wilson is the owner of Lawrence Landscape Design in Yonkers, New York and is a member of the Westchester County Parks Board. He has been a Past President and Chairman of Government Affairs for the New York State Turf and Landscape Association.

