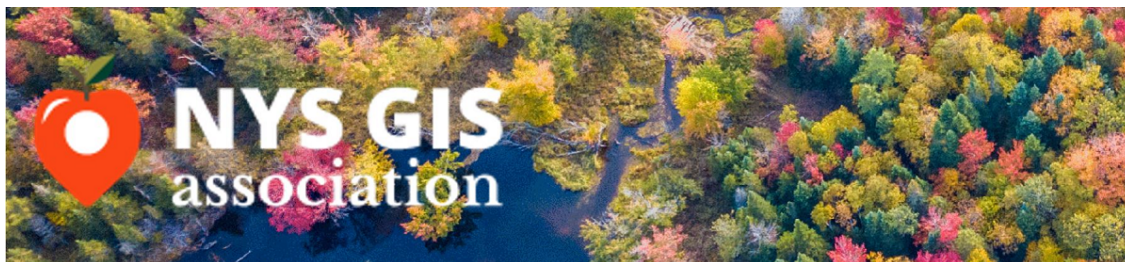


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May 2023 Newsletter

Dear NYS GIS Association Member,

Here are a few items of news:

- Award Nominations Open
- Membership Renewal
- Board Appoints Matthew Solo as Treasurer, Max Villanueva as Communications Committee Co-Chair
- NYS DoS Updates Geographic Information Gateway
- NYGeoCon 2023 Call for Abstracts
- Upcoming Opportunities & Events



Sincerely,

The NYS GIS Association Communications Committee

Image Credit: Ausable River near Plattsburgh, New York | 13 May 2020 | Max Villanueva

Award Nominations Open

Do you know someone who is passionate about GIS or an individual who has contributed to the betterment of the GIS community here in New York State? Well, now is your chance to nominate a colleague or team to be recognized!

Submissions are now being accepted in the four award categories listed below. Review the [NYS GIS Association Awards Program Instructions and Procedures](#) for details on each award, eligibility requirements, and procedures for submitting a nomination.

- **Lifetime Achievement**
- **Individual Contributions to the Profession**
- **GIS Champion Award**

The nomination form is available as a Google Form and as a MS Word DOCX:

- **Google Form URL:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVupRriBIU0SW9uZvirkDyagRWy35s4hOAw7tyxBISMh7GWg/viewform>
- **MS Word DOCX URL:** <https://onedrive.live.com/edit.aspx?resid=5E430E2EAFEDC8EB!76379&ithint=file%2cdocx&authkey=!AKGejwSMxjA22Mw>



In addition to submitting your nomination(s) online, you can also submit your nomination(s) by downloading and filling out the MS Word DOCX and emailing it to the Awards Committee at nysgeoawards@gmail.com.

The deadline for submissions is **Friday, September 1, 2023**.

Winners will be recognized for their achievements at NYGeoCon 2023!

Feel free to contact the Awards Committee at nysgeoawards@gmail.com with any questions.

NYS GIS Association Awards Program Instructions and Procedures

URL: https://res.cloudinary.com/nysgisassociation/image/upload/v1553819436/NYSGISAwardProgram_Procedures_UPD_gcc4u4.pdf



Membership Renewal Time

June 30th is the last day of the 2022 - 2023 membership year. Take a moment to renew your membership now! You will be credited right through to 30 June 2024.

Use this link to renew:

<https://www.nysgis.net/joinus/login>



Know someone who is not a member? **Please spread the word!** The more members we have, the stronger our organization is.

Use this link to join: <https://www.nysgis.net/joinus/>



Board Appointments Announced

The New York State GIS Association Board of Directors has appointed **Matthew Solo** as **Treasurer** and **Max Villanueva** as a **Co-Chair of the Communications Committee**.

- **Matthew Solo** is an Environmental Program Specialist with the [NYS Department of Environmental Conservation](#) in Albany, New York. Before joining the DEC, he was a legislative budget analyst for the NYS Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and an Auditor for the NYS Department of Health.



- **Max Villanueva** has been a member of the Committee for four years and has been actively engaged in communicating GIS news, in general, and Association news, in particular, through social media outlets. He is a GIS Specialist with [AES Northeast](#) in Plattsburgh, New York.



Stay tuned for more on **Matthew** and **Max** in an upcoming Newsletter!

NYS DoS Upgrades Gateway

The next iteration of the **New York Department of State's Geographic Information Gateway - Gateway 3.0** - was launched on 21 April 2023 and announced on the Department's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/NewYorkDepartmentOfState>) on Saturday in celebration of Earth Day.



- A big part of the upgrade was **migrating** from a server-based ArcGIS Enterprise (formerly ArcGIS Server) hosted on the Amazon Cloud to **ArcGIS Hub** hosted on the Esri cloud ArcGIS OnLine (AGOL).
- The **data holdings have been expanded** to include more than 800 layers of information, such as a large new batch from NYSDERDA on sea floor cable corridor identification.
- The Gateway now allows you to access the data using web feature services that allow the end user **more control over how layers are displayed**.
- The Gateway is now on a **secured https**, which should resolve some of the issues experienced with the old Gateway.
- The **Map Viewer looks significantly different** from the old Gateway viewer. It is now more similar in appearance to other Esri-based mappers.
- There are many other changes and improvements that will **increase functionality** and expand the Gateway (<http://opdgig.dos.ny.gov/#/home>), including:
 - a **mapping application separate from the Gateway Map Viewer** that will allow users even more control and data creation and analysis functionality, and
 - a Community page that has a place holder “card” on the homepage called “Engage” and will have a link on the navigation bar, this will act like a **Gateway Community of Practice**, among many more exciting applications to come.

Jeff assures users who have maps and applications that are accessing services from the old Gateway, that this upgrade is **a gentle transition** and the old Gateway is still providing map services for the time being. He does, however, recommend you start transitioning from the datasets you access via the old Gateway to accessing them from the upgraded site.

He encourages you to, "Jump in and kick around, let us know what you like, what you don't like what is missing. Leave us **Feedback** at <https://new-york-opd-geographic-information-gateway-nysdos.hub.arcgis.com/pages/feedback>."

Please join Jeff in thanking all those who have participated and provided feedback over the years, and, in recognizing the **Gateway Team** for all the hard work they have put in over the past year:

- **Barb Patterson, Nick Floersch, Paige Gebhardt, and Mary Haley** of Stone Environmental
- **Rebecca Newell** and **Peter Lauridsen** of OPDCI



There is still time to submit an abstract for NYGeoCon 2023!

The NYS GIS Association invites you to participate in the biennial [NYGeoCon](#), **September 25 – 27, 2023**. The conference will take place at the **Crowne Plaza Albany – The Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY**.

This biennial event brings together approximately 200 GIS professionals from state, county and municipal government sectors, non-profit organizations, academia, as well as environmental, engineering and surveying consultant companies. The conference provides opportunities for comprehensive education, in-depth discussion and exchanging of ideas.

If you are interested in submitting an abstract, we invite you to begin the application by clicking the link below. **All submissions must be received by June 2, 2023.**

Abstract Submission Portal: <https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/3d0a3609-a1a1-4ed7-b95b-8af5d56755cf>

Lodging Information

Overnight accommodations are available at the Crowne Plaza Albany – The Desmond Hotel at a discounted group rate of \$159.00 per night.

- These rates are available until the **cut-off date of Sunday September 3, 2023 or until the block is full**, whichever occurs first.
- Call **(518) 869-8100** to make your reservation.
- Be sure to identify yourself as a member of the **NYGeoCon** event.

Register Online at: <https://web.cvent.com/event/92792f99-d115-440b-8061-9a78b24b79e8/regProcessStep1?RefId=NYGeoConSponsorExhibitor>

Conference Web Site: <https://nysgis.net/nygeocon2023/>



- **NYGeoCon Abstract Submission Deadline** | 2 June 2023
| Abstract Submission Portal:
<https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/3d0a3609-a1a1-4ed7-b95b-8af5d56755cf>
- **GISCI GISP Exam Period** | 3 - 10 June 2023 | PSI Worldwide
Testing Centers | More Information: <https://www.gisci.org/Exam-Info>
- **GeoEd'23** | 6 - 7 June 2023 virtually each day from 11 am to 6 pm | More
Information: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/2682476d0b0d46ca81f22ab0599a6188>
- **UCGIS Symposium** | 6 - 9 June 2023 | Yale University, New Haven, CT |
More Information: <https://www.ucgis.org/symposium-2023>
- **GIS/SIG June Program** | 13 June 2023 from 11:30 am to 1 pm | Monroe
County Emergency Operations Center | More
Information: <https://bit.ly/GISSIG2023Sum>
- **ESRI Education Summit** | 8 - 11 July 2023 | Marriott Marquis San Diego
Marina | More Information: <https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/education-summit/overview>
- **ESRI User Conference** | 10 - 14 July 2023 | San Diego Convention
Center | More Information: <https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/uc/overview>
- **NYS GIS Association Awards Submission Deadline** | 1 September 2023
| More Information: <https://www.nysgis.net/nys-gis-association-awards-program-nominations-open-2023/>
- **NYGeoCon 2023** | 25 - 27 September 2023 | Crowne Plaza Albany - The
Desmond Hotel | More information: <https://nysgis.net/nygeocon2023/>



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