



November 2023 Newsletter

Dear NYS GIS Association Member,

We hope you had a happy GIS Day and Thanksgiving. Here are a few items of news:

- Special Election Results
- Additions to the Board of Directors
- Learning Opportunity
- Upcoming Opportunities & Events



Sincerely,

The NYS GIS Association Communications Committee

Header Image: Bow Bridge in Central Park on Thanksgiving Day 2010 | Brian Schorn CC BY-SA |

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bow_Bridge_in_Central_Park_on_Thanksgiving_2010.jpg

Inset Image: Inches of Snowfall Predicted between 4 AM and 1 PM on 29 Wednesday 2023 | National

Weather Service (<https://www.weather.gov/buf/weatherstory.gif>)

2023 Special Election Results

Heather Ferrero was elected **President-Elect** of the NYS GIS Association in a Special Election held earlier this month.

President-Elect Ferrer is the Deputy Planning Director for Livingston County and has been involved with local land use and GIS in Livingston County for 25 years. An avid mapping enthusiast, she earned Bachelors and Masters of Arts degrees in Geography at SUNY Geneseo and Miami University of Ohio, respectively.

Heather has shepherded Livingston County GIS through many transitions: from Atlas for DOS, Atlas for Windows, Arcview, and ArcMap, to online mapping and Enterprise GIS. She has made a goal of her career to put GIS tools into the hands of the public and to make geographic information accessible. She is currently the Secretary for GIS/SIG, an educational user's group that provides a professional GIS forum in the Rochester - Genesee Finger Lakes region.



Heather joined the NYS GIS Association Board of Directors in 2022.

Additions to the Board of Directors

The changes to the [bylaws](#) approved last month necessitated the appointment of two new Directors to the Board. President McCall appointed:

- **Jeff Herter** to the newly created Board of Director term expiring in 2024 and
- **Ana Hiraldo-Gomez** to the newly created Board of Director term expiring in 2025.

They will then be eligible to serve three consecutive elected terms as Director. The appointments were confirmed by the Board of Directors.



Learning Opportunity

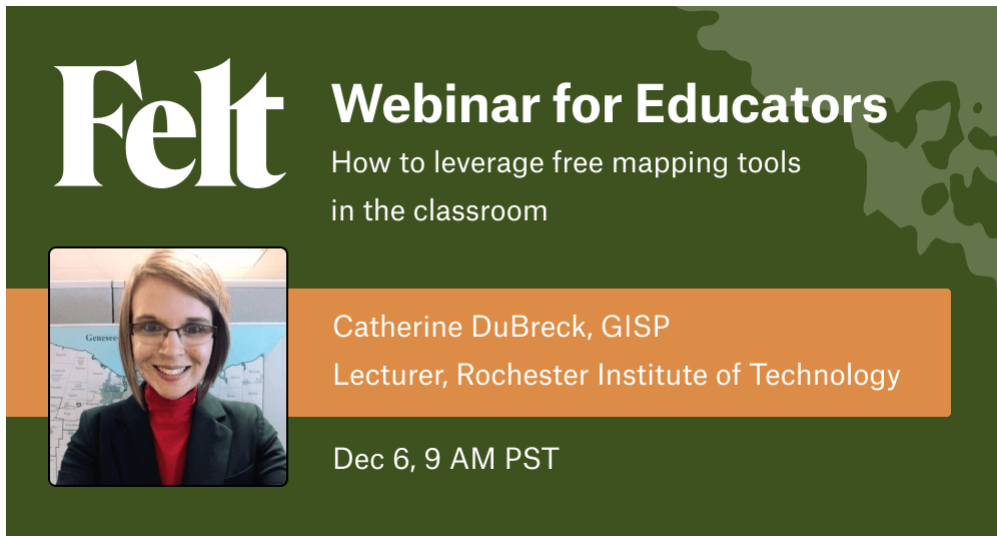
Catherine DuBreck, GISP, a lecturer at the Rochester Institute of Technology, presenting a free webinar on [Felt](#). She will be sharing her experience with this new tool for working with maps, including the assignment she created for her GIS students at RIT. Catherine was recently reelected to the Association's Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Communications Committee.

Felt Webinar for Educators
How to Leverage Free Mapping Tools in the Classroom
6 December 2023, Wednesday, at Noon EST

The webinar is open to anyone who is interested in learning a tool that facilitates collaborative mapping without having to install software.

To register for this Zoom webinar, click on the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrdeyrrDMtE9cAGRZUtl4jbZ7hhShBXbQ4#/registration>



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

- **GISP Exam** | 2 - 10 December 2023 | More Information: <https://www.gisci.org/Exam-Info>
- **Felt Webinar** | 6 December 2023 at Noon | Registration: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrdeyrrDMtE9cAGRZUtl4jbZ7hhShBXbQ4#/registration>
- **NEARC Community Event** | 7 December 2023 Noon - 1:30 PM | Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqdu-pqz0jH9GfFkvQl_FIQYn12rKpSfwF#/registration
- **GEO Week** | 11 - 13 February 2024 | Colorado Convention Center, Denver | More Information: <https://www.geo-week.com/>
- **Esri User Conference** | 15 - 19 July 2024 | San Diego, CA | More Information: <https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/uc/save-date>
- **NYS GIS Association GeoSpatial Summit** | 23 - 24 September 2024 | Welch-Allyn Lodge, Skaneateles, NY

