

NEW YORK STATE GIS ASSOCIATION

Recognition of efforts as a

# GIS Champion

is hereby granted to

# Maria Brown

Maria is an accomplished teacher at both the High School and University levels. She is a New York State Master Teacher and has received numerous teaching awards.

She has created and led high school student enrichment courses in Costa Rica, the Peruvian Amazon, and Galapagos for the past 10 years where the main focus is on sustainability of natural resources and cultures. Annually, Maria also travels to many locations in Africa and South America to continue her own research. She teaches molecular ecology courses for both students and teachers at Brookhaven National Laboratory and has recently implemented GSS 313 at Sayville High School through the Stony Brook University ACE Program. Maria is a voting member (Legislative Appointment) on the Suffolk County Wetland Stewardship Committee and the Vice President of the Coastal Research & Education Society of Long Island. Over the last two decades, she has enriched the lives of thousands of students, scientists, and environmentalists through science and GIS education, and has been a champion for GIS across Long Island.

Maria Brown continues to support the growth of GIS globally, and it is with great pleasure that we recognize her as a GIS Champion for 2017.



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Colin Reilly, President