

NEW YORK STATE GIS ASSOCIATION

Recognition of

GIS Champion

is hereby granted to

Russell Urban-Mead

Russell led the crafting of a broad and complex technical scope of work involving multiple communities across New York State and then built a strong team of consultants with GIS and Planning expertise in support of the joint NYS DEC and NYS DOH sponsored Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2). As a professional hydrogeologist and senior project manager at The Chazen Companies (now a LaBella Company), Russell has come to understand and appreciate the value of GIS technology in supporting project objectives such as the scientific analysis related to topographic and environmental influences on water resources. Beyond championing the use of GIS in support of science and engineering, Russell has also championed the role of GIS in helping local stakeholders and non-technical people understand complex issues and use their understanding to craft better policy and decisions. Russell's advocacy and aggressive approach to establishing a key role for GIS and then building a strong GIS support team for this critical public health project has resulted in consistency, efficiency and cost savings that have benefited stakeholders and helped improve the outcomes for protecting critical drinking water sources across New York State.

It is because of this forward thinking that we recognize Russell Urban-Mead for his contribution to the GIS profession.



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Chris Badurek, President

