

## Welcome to the Association

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) contribute to the planning, design and management of our urban, social and natural environments. The scope of GIS technology reaches industries as diverse as forestry and emergency response. The key to successful implementation and application of GIS is coordination and knowledge sharing among users.

If you want to be a part of the continued expansion of the GIS industry **we welcome your participation** in the New York State Geographic Information Systems Association.

Since 2002, the Association has been an evergrowing non-profit organization for New York professionals involved in GIS, remote sensing, surveying, global navigation systems, and related technologies. The Association focuses its efforts on education, professional development, and adding its collective voice to help shape GIS development in New York State.

The Association has worked to form **regional users groups** where needed, and establish relationships with ones that already exist. Integral to this effort has been the successful building of **partnerships** with **business** and **industry leaders**.

## **Our Mission**

The *mission* of the Association is to assist, educate, coordinate and guide the implementation, development and maintenance of geographic information systems technology in the New York State.

The Association's primary goals and objectives are to:

- Support development of the GIS profession throughout the state of New York
- Assist, educate, and contribute towards the implementation and development of GIS in the state of New York
- Foster a spirit of cooperation among local, state and federal agencies, educational institutions and the private sector in addressing priority GIS issues and data development initiatives for New York.
- Contribute towards hosting regular meetings, conferences and technical workshops for the exchange of information and to exhibit products and services.
- Educate the general public about the nature of, and benefits from, geographic information and related technologies, including but not limited to geographic and land information systems, the internet, and global positioning technologies.
- Publish documents, produce educational materials, and promote education pertaining to geographic information and related technologies.

## Membership Benefits

- Educational opportunities.
- Participation in the Association's statewide and regional meetings.
- Opportunity to voice your ideas in shaping the Association's policies and positions regarding GIS issues in New York State.
- Network and maintain statewide contacts with New York's GIS professionals through the membership directory and the Association's listsery.
- Regular meetings and workshops for exchange of information and to exhibit products and services.
- Education of the general public regarding the nature of, and benefits from, GIS.

## Join the Association

You are invited to join with others in helping strengthen New York's growing GIS community. Your support is the key to our success. Please visit our website at <a href="https://www.nysgis.org">www.nysgis.org</a> to learn more about or organization and to become a member.

Regional Groups include: Adirondack/North County, Catskill, Finger Lakes, Long Island, Lower Hudson Valley, Metro Albany, Metro New York City, Southern Tier, and Western New York.