

## PROFILE

Landscape ecologist and geospatial engineer with 18 years' experience designing and developing conservation assessment and planning projects. Focus past five years: integrating water, land use, biodiversity, and invasive species planning with technology transfer, outreach and education; Hudson Valley, NY and abroad.

## EXPERIENCE

*2007 to Present*

Geospatial & Ecological Services

Monroe, NY

### **Principal\Owner**

Designing and developing conservation planning services, natural resource surveys, data and mapping strategies to municipalities, non-profits and resource agencies.

- Developed on-line *Hudson River Watershed Atlas* as consultant to the Hudson Valley Regional Council and the Hudson River Watershed Alliance. NY-DEC\HREP funded project.
- Designed and engineered watershed-wide riparian corridor assessment and water quality model for the Moodna Creek watershed, Orange County NY. Part of watershed management plan (NEIWPC, NYSDEC, Orange County Water Authority).
- Produced town-wide natural resource and biodiversity surveys, conservation planning and mapping services for Town of Clarkstown, NY, 2009 Comprehensive plan.

*2011 to 2013*

New York Restoration Project

New York, NY

### **GIS & Information Manager**

Brought new geospatial & ecological skills, assets and capacity to this lead NYC greening and neighborhood restoration agency.

- Created Urban Residential Tree Cover Prioritization model, part of the MillionTreesNYC project to restore 1 million trees and 9,000 acres of NYC tree canopy.
- Designed, developed and implemented founding GIS data, hardware, networking and information systems arrays

*2000 to 2007*

Columbia University – Lamont-Doherty Earth  
Observatory

Palisades, NY

### **Land Information Specialist**

In addition to original applied geospatial research (Bahamas, Sri Lanka, Uruguay, Brazil, NE U.S.), designed, developed and managed integrated GIS, remote sensing data projects. As a senior geospatial lead in NASA and USGS partner programs, developed environmental, data and socio-economic research projects focusing on land information systems, water resources, biodiversity and invasive species issues. Accomplishments included:

- Development support of Northeast Information Node (NIN) of the USGS National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII), funded at \$400k+/year.
- Development and production of Population, Landscape and Climate Estimates (PLACE) for NASA Socio-Economic Data Application Center (SEDAC)

## **EDUCATION**

*1997*

University of Connecticut

Storrs, CT

### **M.S., Land, Air, Water Resources specialty Forest Remote Sensing**

Thesis: "Delineating Landscape Scale Vegetation Patterns for Northwestern Connecticut Using Multi-seasonal Satellite Imagery and GPS Referenced Field Data" 1998 PERS ERDAS Award, Best paper in Remote Sensing, 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

*1993*

University of Connecticut

Storrs, CT

### **B.S., Natural Resource Management & Engineering**

## **ADDITIONAL SKILLS & ASSETTS**

- Remote sensing-based land cover, vegetation, biogeographic and community ordination, habitat classification and landscape pattern analysis. Proficiency with: ERDAS Imagine, eCognition, IDRISI, ArcGIS, Fragstats, CANOCO, Twinspan,
- Hydrological, watershed, terrain and soils mapping and modeling, Proficiency with ArcHydro, TauDEM, SWAT, AGWA.
- Geospatial application scripting, programming, modeling languages: Avenue, AML, Python, SQL, Model Maker.

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RESEARCH PROJECTS**

“Comparison of Fine and Coarse Scale Geospatial Assessments: Riparian Corridors of the Moodna Creek Watershed, Orange County, NY”. Project Implementation Contract: NYDEC\NEIWPC\Hudson River Estuary Program (HREP) supporting the Orange County, NY Planning and Water Authority’s development of a watershed plan for the Moodna Creek Watershed. June 2008.

"Spatial Tools for Uruguay's Protected Areas System: Capacity Building and Development of a Biodiversity Conservation GIS." *U.S. State Department OESI in collaboration with the Government of Uruguay's Dirección Nacional de*. CIESIN, SEDAC, Columbia University, January 2007. Co-Principal Investigator. Funded at \$90,000.

"Utilizing Multi-Date Satellite Imagery to Delineate Trans-boundary Wetland-Cropland Mosaics - Laguna Merin, Uruguay-Brazil. ." *Part of Invited Symposium Conservation Biology Capacity Building and Practice in a Globalize World. Society for Conservation Biology Annual Meeting. .* Brazilia, Brazil , July 2005.

"Evolving Spatial Tools & Data to Support Global Sustainability Research. ." *Part of Special Session on Sustainable Development and Humanitarian Affairs*. ESRI User Conference, San Diego, CA, July 2004

"Geospatial Assessments of Urban\Rural Gradients: Developing Biogeographic Baselines.." *Invited symposium presentation*. Columbia University, Earth Institute Fellows Seminar. April 2004

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"Delineating forest canopy species in the northeastern United States using multi-temporal TM imagery. Mickelson, J. G., Jr., D. L. Civco, and J. A. Silander, Jr." *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*. ASPRS, October 1998, 891-904. Received ERDAS Award, Best Paper in Remote Sensing 1998, 2nd place.

## **AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS**

- International Association for Landscape Ecology - US
- Society for Conservation GIS
- Society for Ecological Restoration International