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IMAGIN'S GEOSPATIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The IMAGIN Geospatial Achievement Award honors an IMAGIN member in recognition of their dedication and commitment to the IMAGIN organization, its geospatial professionals, colleagues, members and the public that it serves.

The 2018 Geospatial Achievement Award Winner Is...

2018 IMAGIN GEOSPATIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER

Michelle Lazar, PE, GISP
GIS Manager
Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber

2018 IMAGIN GEOSPATIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER – MICHELLE LAZAR

MICHELLE'S PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- Began Career at US Forest Service
- Started at FTCH as a Civil Engineer
- Earned Masters in GIS from Penn State University
- Certified GISP
- GIS Manager at FTCH
  - Manages over 20 GIS staff throughout all divisions at FTCH
- Manages GIS initiatives for Watershed, wetland, water and sanitary facilities and over 30 SAW grant programs

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MICHELLE'S IMAGIN INVOLVEMENT

- IMAGIN Member for over 15 years
- Regular conference attendee
- Consistent conference presenter
- Has volunteered on various committees and teams.

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From Her Peers:

"Michelle is a true gem! She is always willing to drop what she is working on to help a fellow worker or client.
She always seeks to improve her knowledge and share with those around her, bringing everyone up in the process.
Having worked with Michelle for over 20 years, I am privileged to have her as a friend and colleague.
Congratulation on this much deserved honor Michelle!"

Andy Schwallier, Environmental Specialist

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From Her Peers:

"It has been a pleasure working under Michelle for the past three years. Coming into the industry straight from college Michelle took the time not only to teach me but exposed me to the vast applications of GIS. I am constantly impressed with her remarkable technical knowledge of geospatial technologies and how she continues to be a driving force in implementing GIS in the utility and engineering industries. Michelle is much more than a boss, she is a mentor and a friend truly passionate about both professional and personal growth. Our GIS community is lucky to have you – congratulations on this well-deserved award!"
Melissa Salich, GIS Specialist

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From Her Peers:

"Michelle has been a member of the team working on updates of the Grand Rapids Water & Sewer Comprehensive Master Plan since 2000. Her input on population projections and land use in the region is thorough and well organized, plus she is the most reliable and responsive member of the team. I wish she could work on all my projects." Jim Smalligan, Senior Vice President/Principle

"For the past 5 years Michelle and I have worked closely to help our client communities implement GIS for their water and wastewater systems. Michelle is extremely knowledgeable, not only regarding GIS, but also concerning the needs of the communities. She understands the uniqueness and concerns of each community and does a great job adjusting the deliverables to meet their expectations." Maria Sedki, Senior Civil Engineer

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From Her Peers:

"Always a great experience—Michelle is knowledgeable, helpful and reliable—and she always delivers." Claire Schwartz, Vice President/Senior Civil Engineer

" I have had the pleasure to work with Michelle for over 15 years. She has always shown the highest degree of professionalism and has done an outstanding job of promoting the use and benefits of GIS, both inside FTCH and to communities across the state." – Jeff Brown, Vice President/Senior Civil Engineer

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From Her Peers:

"Michelle is irreplaceable. She has such a wealth of knowledge and experience on a huge range of projects. If I don't know where to start with a question, I always ask Michelle. She is always willing to help and either knows the answer or a suggestion of who to ask next." - Lori Lloyd, Civil Engineer

"Michelle is wonderful to work with. She is very knowledgeable and always has new ideas on how to present data to clients. She has certainly opened my eyes up to the benefits of GIS and her passion for it always shines through when she is presenting. Her excitement for it is contagious!" – Deann Falkowski, Senior Civil Engineer

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Michelle with her husband Ed, children Marie, Michael and Matthew with daughter-in-law Leann.

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Michelle and family with the family dog Molly

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