



2021 IMAGIN ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

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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 2021 Geospatial Achievement Award Winner Is...



2021 IMAGIN GEOSPATIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER

Matt Malone
GIS Coordinator,
City of Farmington
Hills



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PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- B.S. in Geography & Earth Science, Western Michigan University, 1993
- Assistant Director/GIS Analyst, Center for Applied Environmental Research at UofM-Flint, 1994-2000
- GIS Coordinator, Charter Township of Grand Blanc, 2000-2004
- Adjunct Lecturer, UofM-Flint, 2001
- M.S. in Resource Development, Michigan State University, 2003
- GIS Coordinator, City of Farmington Hills, 2004-Present
- GISP Certification, 2004



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IMAGIN INVOLVEMENT

- Served on the IMAGIN Board in the mid-2000s
- Volunteer of the Year award recipient – 2008
- Farmington Hills wins the GIS for Everyone award with Matt accepting the award on behalf of the city
- As a regular conference attendee and presenter, Matt also attends IMAGIN workshops and has volunteered to be a judge in the Student Poster & Paper Competition



Matt receiving the 2008 IMAGIN Volunteer of the Year award from then-President, Chris Blough

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FAMILY & PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Matt & his wife (Laurie) along with their two sons (Alex & Liam) have enjoyed several memory-filled trips
- Matt is passionate about studying weather phenomena! Check out his Facebook group, [Michigan Weather Geek](#), for lots of great maps and info about all things related to Michigan's weather craziness!
- Currently, Matt is a Weather Forecaster for Great Lakes Weather & Climate where he assists with forecasting, analysis and mapping for their 125,000 Facebook group members.
- Matt enjoys photography and takes some stunning photos of the nature near his home.
- Volunteers as the Audio/Visual Technician for the Children's Ministry at Orchard Grove Community Church.



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Kelly Monico, Director of Central
Services, City of Farmington Hills

“Matt has worked for the City of Farmington Hills since 2004. In that time he has been instrumental in hundreds of projects that impact the residents & businesses in the City. His professionalism, creativity and knowledge of GIS has helped to literally change the landscape, in this community. It is not a surprise to any of us that Matt would be considered for this honor. He is and has been Rock Star and we are grateful that he has shared his time & talents with us.

Congratulations Matt!!!”



Matt & Liam - Photo provided by City of Farmington Hills

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Jeff King, Police Chief, City
of Farmington Hills

“Matt Malone has provided vital GIS information and technical support that has proven invaluable in criminal investigations, emergency incidents and major Incident Action Plans. Matt’s contributions have played a significant role in the success of these critical Police Department Operations and Investigations.”



January 1993 – First week of his geography internship at National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C.

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Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services, City of Farmington Hills

“Matt exhibits great knowledge of his position and remains dedicated to the success of our City. He regularly exhibits critical thinking and excellent problem-solving skills. Matt offers charisma to co-workers and truly excels in interpersonal relationships. Matt’s commitment to the needs of my Department have been first-class. Two (2) major projects rise to the surface when I think about Matt’s positive contributions: The first is the Heritage Park Story Map. This interactive product provides an excellent resource for guests and staff to explore our 211-acre park. It is very user friendly and offers a wide range of interesting information. Matt took the lead on this project and performed well. The second is Matt’s involvement with mapping and tracking the deer population within Farmington and Farmington Hills. As residents voiced concerns about a perceived overpopulation, Matt was able to create a way to count deer from the air as well as track their movement from year to year. The data collected has been extremely valuable to City staff to engage in conversation with neighboring communities and the Department of Natural Resources.”

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Matthew Dingman, City Assessor, City
of Farmington Hills

“Matt Malone is an integral part of our organization. The Assessing Division has become heavily reliant on using GIS to verify and analyze data and rarely a day goes by which we do not use the tools which Matt has developed to help us succeed. He is constantly looking for new and unique ways to create maps, data sets, and tools for us to improve our processes and meet state requirements. Matt also has the ability to explain technical terms and processes in a way that my staff is able to understand and utilize quickly. He is always willing to go the extra mile to help when asked and deliver results that exceed my expectations every time.”



City Staff with Decorations - Photo provided by
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August 2019 – Walking the floor of the Kilauea Iki caldera on the Big Island of Hawaii

Jon Unruh, Fire Chief, City
of Farmington Hills

“GIS Coordinator Matt Malone is a true partner in Farmington Hills Public Safety. The mapping resources Matt provides to our organization is invaluable, it positively impacts the service we provide to the citizens while keeping our staff safe.”

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Karen Mondora, Director of Public Services, City of Farmington Hills

“Matt Malone’s work has made a difference in the daily operation of the Public Services Department. His skill and expertise make our jobs easier and more productive. He is always willing and enthusiastic when called on for assistance. Two specific project he helped make successful are the passage of the 2018 local road millage and the deployment and maintenance of our DPW CMMS. He creatively prepared countless exhibits and maps to support voter outreach efforts. This millage generates \$10 Million per year for the City. Not only is Matt our in-house GIS expert, but he also shares his knowledge and passion for GIS. He empowers and trains staff to use GIS productively and is always working on enhancements to the user experience.”

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Barb Saunders, Principal
Supervisor, DTE

"I have always been impressed and thankful for Matt Malone as a peer GIS professional. His perspectives are always open minded and collaborative, which is the essence of what we all do in our positions. Thank you Matt and congratulations on your Geospatial Achievement Award."



June 2009 – Posing near great map of the former Boston shoreline that adorns the side of Paul Revere's home.



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August 2004 – Esri Conference in San Diego where I was fortunate enough to be able to present in a session about GIS database storage practices.

Pete Schneider, GISP, GIS System Analyst, County of Ottawa

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Matt and Jason, before attending the ESRI conference in San Diego, in 2004, hopped a ride on an old biplane. What fantastic experience, floating through the sky, open-air cockpit, and all. If I remember right, pre-conference activities also included sea kayaking, go-karts, an aircraft carrier, and chocolate shops. The conference was fantastic, too!

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Keri Blough, Geospatial Application Services Manager, City of Novi

"As a resident of Farmington Hills, I greatly appreciate the online maps & apps Matt has created for the public. Working for a neighboring community, I constantly benefit from Matt's willingness to share his knowledge, especially if a technology change may impact Novi's own online maps."

"I have always enjoyed Matt's presentation at each IMAGIN Conference that we have attended. Even when the power went out (as it did once at Great Wolf Lodge), Matt continued describing his slides and then picked right up when the power came back on. Conference attendees have learned so much from Matt over the years!"

"From Chris & I, thank you, Matt, for your friendship and professional support over the years! Congratulations on receiving the Geospatial Achievement Award!"

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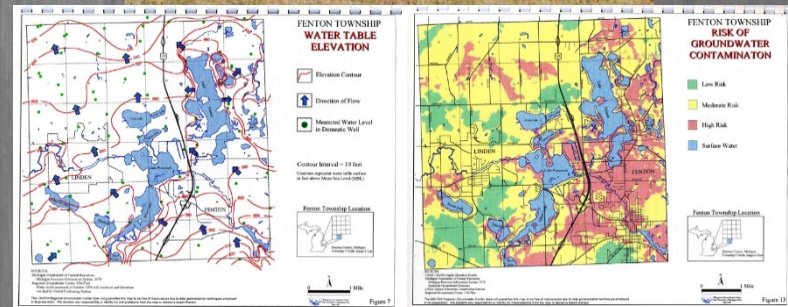
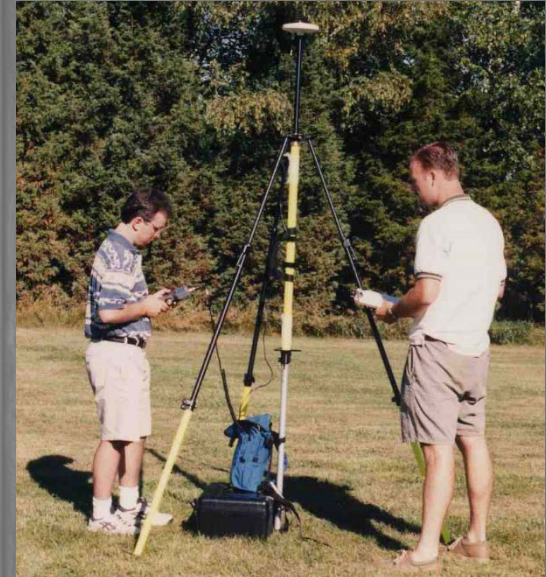
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Jason Taylor, Director, Aldo Leopold
Wilderness Research Institute

"The photo and maps (shown to the right) are from 1996/1997 and our time at the Regional Groundwater Center, at UM Flint. Matt worked there (he made the maps), and I was a student intern at the time. I can't remember the GPS model, but our mapping work was done with ArcView 3.1. It feels like a lifetime ago, and I guess it was. Matt was in the early days of his geospatial career, and he was already leading the way. It's with certainty that I say, working at the RGC and with Matt was a pivotal time for me, and created a career path not otherwise possible. I will always be grateful. Thanks, Matt!!"



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*“My goal in life is to unite my
avocation with my vocation,
As my two eyes make one in sight.”
- Robert Frost*

August 2019 – Overlooking the Waimea Canyon on the island of Kauai

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CONGRATULATIONS

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2021 IMAGIN Annual Awards Ceremony



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