



## Improving Michigan's Access to Geographic Information Networks

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### Current News

#### **IMAGIN Annual Conference 2009 Geospatial Journey: Finding Our Way Together Causeway Bay Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn South Convention Center) Lansing, Michigan May 4-5, 2009**

The [2009 IMAGIN Conference](#) planning is well underway and another informative slate of presentations is on tap for Lansing 2009! As always, the Map Gallery and vendor displays will be packed with the latest and greatest examples of geospatial technologies.

Vendors interested in [sponsorship opportunities for the 2009 Conference](#) can [click here for more information](#).

#### **IMAGIN Welcomes Nominations for its Board of Directors**

The Nominating/Governance Committee is looking for candidates to serve on the IMAGIN Board of Directors. This is an exciting opportunity for members to participate in the leadership of IMAGIN and to set its course for the future. Seven of the fifteen Board seats are open for election, each of which will serve a two-year term. Board meetings are typically held the first Friday of every other month, along with the Annual Meeting which is held at the Conference. You may nominate yourself or someone else that you believe has leadership qualities. Please submit a few paragraphs listing qualifications, background, and any other information you would like posted in the candidate write-up. Nominations will be accepted until March 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please contact Bill Rowe, Chair of the Nominating/Governance Committee via email at [BRowe@mqtcty.org](mailto:BRowe@mqtcty.org) or Lori Schultz at [lschultz@phdm.org](mailto:lschultz@phdm.org).

#### **North Central Michigan College Begins GIS Degree Program**

Located in Gaylord, Michigan, North Central Michigan College recently unveiled a program to earn an Associate of Science degree in GIS. The two-year program was tailored to offer job opportunities in the GIS industry as it continues to grow across the State. [Click here to read the article](#), courtesy of the Petoskey News-Review.

### Microsoft Virtual Earth Updates Michigan Pictometry Coverage

Several hundred square miles of new bird's-eye aerial photography courtesy of Pictometry has been added to Microsoft's Virtual Earth database. The new coverage includes several counties that previously lacked the oblique imagery. The E-News team has created a [Virtual Earth collection that detailed the approximate extent](#) of the Pictometry coverage. The update also included terabytes of data covering other parts of the world. [Read more about the full update here.](#)

### Google Earth 5 Debuts with Bathymetric, Historic Datasets

Google announced the latest release of its Google Earth project earlier this month. The updated software included detailed bathymetric data to explore the world's oceans and a new timeline slider to view historical imagery that dates to 1940 in some regions. [Click here to read more about the updated Google Earth software.](#)

### Gallup Organization's "State of the States" Series

The Gallup Organization recently began a new "State of the States" series, providing detailed state level maps with themes ranging from consumer confidence to religious affiliations. Maps are provided in an interactive Adobe Flex format with clickable attributes and thematic mapping. [Click here to access the main portal to the map series.](#)

### World Profiler Maps Help Answer the Question, "Where Does My Last Name Exist Around the World?"

The fascinating new website, "[World Profiler.](#)" allows users to type in their surname (last name) and generate detailed maps and statistics of where their name appears around the world. The data includes state, regional, and county level data for most of the world's countries

## Upcoming Events

- [April 19-22, 2009](#)  
[GITA's 2009 Geospatial Infrastructure Solutions, Tampa, FL](#)
- [April 25-29, 2009](#)  
[American Planning Association 2009, Minneapolis, MN](#)
- [April 29-May 1, 2009](#)  
[Geospatial '09, Snowbird, UT](#)
- **[May 4-5 2009](#)**  
**[IMAGIN Conference 2009,](#)**  
**[Geospatial Journey: Finding Our Way Together](#)**  
**[Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, MI](#)**

[For more events, see the IMAGIN Calendar of Events](#)

## Training

Date(s)	D*	Organization	City	Description
April 1-3, 2009		<a href="#">ESRI</a>	East Lansing	ArcGIS Server: Web Administration Using the Microsoft .NET Framework
April 8, 2009		<a href="#">New Urban Research</a>	Southfield	Mapping Michigan Communities: An Introduction to GIS and Community Analysis
April 20, 2009		<a href="#">RS&amp;GIS</a>	East Lansing	Getting Your GIS Project off the Ground
April 20, 2009		<a href="#">RS&amp;GIS</a>	East Lansing	Using ArcToolbox for Vector and Raster Analysis
April 27-29, 2009		<a href="#">ESRI</a>	East Lansing	Data Management in the Multiuser Geodatabase
April 30-May 1, 2009		<a href="#">ESRI</a>	East Lansing	ArcGIS Server Enterprise Configuration and Tuning for SQL Server

D\*=Discount for IMAGIN Members

## Spotlight on Supporting Organizations



[Northeast Michigan Council of Governments](#)

NEMCOG is committed to facilitating the development of intergovernmental cooperation and coordination within the eight-county region of Northeast Michigan. The agency is also committed to providing for a controlled growth policy; to preserve and improve the environment, to pursue greater efficiency and responsiveness of local units of government, and to improve the ecological, social, and economic well being of citizens within the region.. See their Data and Maps web page for more information.



## [Michigan State Police](#)

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**Each month this section will highlight two of our [supporting organizations](#). If your organizations would like to be in the spotlight, please [contact IMAGIN headquarters](#) about becoming a supporting organization.**

## Web Mapping Site of the Month



## [Ottawa County Michigan, GIS Department](#)

Progressive in their web mapping offerings to the public, Ottawa County's GIS Department redesigned mapping services employ the newest ArcGIS Server technologies. Several mapping services are free and open to the public including parcels, parks and trails, and water recreation.

## Employment

<b>Job Description</b>	<b>Company/Posting Date</b>
<u><a href="#">GIS Programmer / Analyst</a></u>	C&S Companies 1-20-2009
<u><a href="#">GIS Coordinator / Web Administrator</a></u>	Berrien County GIS Department 1-20-2009
<u><a href="#">GeoData Architect</a></u>	Center for Shared Solutions, Lansing, MI 2-17-2009

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