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One of North America's leading authorities on GIS strategic implementation planning. Developed over 300 GIS strategic plans for towns, cities, counties, multi-regional agencies, and native Indigenous people. Written two GIS strategic planning books. Developed innovative GIS management and analytics models. Secured awards for exemplary use of GIS. A keynote speaker and presenter. Conducted GIS workshops, webinars, and seminars. Currently collaborating with organizations to build smarter communities with GIS technology and location intelligence.

Research includes studying the maturation and evolution of GIS, promoting the democratization of GIS, encouraging the regionalization of GIS, and embracing the ubiquitous participation. Projects and practice include building GIS working solutions to address community engagement, open and transparent government, community resilience and sustainability, social equity, and social justice with an emphasis on affordable housing, available and accessible parks, open space, and recreational opportunities, climate change, economic development, and smart city 3D visualization. Worked in many parts of the world including USA, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Africa, South Africa, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and the Bahamas. Committed to location intelligence to create connected, engaged, inclusive, and sustainable communities.

In 1988 North Carolina State University (NCSU) accepted me into the GIS Natural Resources graduate program. Since then, I have dedicated my life to geospatial science and technology. I have helped built a successful international geospatial company, developed unique skills, published articles, written two books, trained, educated, and transferred my knowledge, and worked in many parts of the world on innovative and progressive geospatial projects.

I have a clear and authentic vision for my future. It includes the development of a new book entitled *Building Smarter Communities with Location Intelligence*. It will combine practical consulting experience with a wide range of local government research. My international experiences and choice of career has led me to believe **we have, in the broadest sense, a duty to our environment, community, and each other**. I have a desire to work with governments to develop global strategy, policy, ethics, and geospatial initiatives.

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