

# Community Geography Partnerships for the Next Generation of Science

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What does the future hold for science and the field of geography more specifically? And how might that future better connect with society? While the answers to these questions are quite complex, here, we will discuss how community geography partnerships can drive support for the next generation of science. Public and private partnerships in learning and research are increasingly important, particularly with the increased recognition that the solutions for society's greatest challenges and opportunities require thinking, creativity, and imagination across multiple fields and multiple voices. In our time together, we will explore the ways in which Citizen Science GIS and GeoBus at University of Central Florida support shared geospatial technology learning experiences for community partners, college students, K-12 educators, and K-12 students across the globe through a unique partnership approach to community geography. Citizen Science GIS is an international organization that aims to make geospatial technologies for science more accessible and understandable by fostering relationships between communities and scientists, of all ages, across the globe. In this presentation, we'll consider the ways in which our partnership-centered work supports the next generation of science and provides great societal impact as an example of applied geography.

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