



Christen Meyers, GISP, GIS Technical Specialist, Walt Disney World - Reedy Creek Energy Services, Orlando, FL

Year of Initial GISP Certification: 2020

Education:

- BS Environmental Studies 2014
- AA Degree 2010

Professional Experience:

- GIS Technical Specialist – *Walt Disney World - Reedy Creek Energy Services*, November 2025 - present
- GIS Coordinator – *Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA)*, November 2021 – October 2025
- Senior GIS Analyst – *VHB*, August 2015 – October 2021
- GIS Field Technician – *City of Winter Park Stormwater*, January 2015 – July 2015
- GIS Techers Assistant – *University of Central Florida*, August 2013 – December 2014, August 2017- December 2018

Professional Organizations/Activities:

- GISP (Geographic Information Systems Professional) *w/test* since 2020
- Southernmost GIS Users Group (2021-2025)
- Central Florida GIS Chair Member (CFGIS) (2018-2021)

Statement of Interest:

I'm excited for the potential opportunity to represent fellow GISPs in an at-large position on the GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) Board of Directors. As a GISP in good standing since 2020, I value the role GISCI plays in shaping our profession and supporting a strong, connected geospatial community. I would love the chance to contribute to that mission and represent the voices of GISPs.

I've been working in GIS for over 10 years, with a career focused on geospatial data management, field support, and utility infrastructure mapping. My experience spans local government, consulting, education, and utility operations, giving me a well-rounded perspective on how GIS is applied across industries. I currently serve as a GIS Technical Specialist with Walt Disney World's Reedy Creek Energy Services, where I support GIS solutions that enhance operational efficiency and long-term asset management. Prior to this, I served as a GIS Coordinator with the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and as a Senior GIS Analyst with VHB, where I worked closely with different teams to improve data accuracy, streamline processes, and expand how GIS is used across organizations.

To me, the GISP certification is more than just a credential. It represents a commitment to professionalism, ethical practice, and continued growth in a field that is constantly evolving. As GIS continues to expand, the importance of maintaining a respected and relevant certification becomes even more critical. GISCI plays a key role in that, and I am passionate about supporting its continued strength and credibility.

One of the things I care most about is making sure the GISP certification feels approachable and attainable, especially for those earlier in their careers. I know firsthand that the process can feel overwhelming at times, and I think there is an opportunity to continue improving how we communicate its value and support professionals as they work toward certification. Whether it is through better resources, clearer pathways, or stronger community engagement, I would love to help GISCI continue building a certification that people feel confident pursuing and proud to hold.

Community is another area that I think is incredibly important. Some of the most valuable growth in GIS comes from connecting and networking with others, sharing knowledge, learning from different experiences, and supporting each other. Through my involvement in GIS user groups and professional organizations, I have seen how strong those connections can be. I believe GISCI can continue fostering that sense of community among GISPs and strengthening engagement across the profession.

If selected, I would bring a thoughtful and collaborative approach to the Board. I am committed to listening to fellow GISPs, representing a range of perspectives, and contributing in a way that

supports both the organization and the profession as a whole. I would be honored to serve and represent the GISP community.