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## EARTH: Rise of Community Remote Sensing

Alexandria, VA – If you ask someone involved in community remote sensing to define the emerging field, the most likely response will be a chuckle followed by “That’s a hard question to answer...” At its core, the movement is about remote sensing — collecting data from afar. Remote sensing has revolutionized science and Earth monitoring, but it fails to collect data at the hyper-local level. And that’s where the community comes in.

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