

2009 Annual Report

Waushara County Surveyor

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The purpose of the County Surveyor's office, by Wisconsin Statutes is to maintain a filing system for all surveys done within the county and to make these records available to the public, to execute all surveys required by the county or by any court and to perform any other duties as established by law.

In addition to the above, my office continues to administer the densification of the GPS coordinates in the entire County. All 18 Townships now have a partial coverage in the program, and is growing each month. This program supplements the government corner maintenance program that has been in effect for many years and will play a large part in the modernization of Waushara County Land Records. My intention is to continue this program until the entire county is completed. My office now has sufficient GPS data to do an adjustment of the entire County for parcel mapping purposes, and continues to work closely with the Land Records Department, Zoning Office and Register of Deeds office to maintain and improve the modernization of land records, and to insure and uphold the integrity of the Public Land Survey System in Waushara County and the State of Wisconsin.

The results of GPS project are updated annually on the Surveyor's website, and I have started the implementation of a totally electronic and internet accessible surveyor's office.

The County Surveyor shall always remember that their principal responsibility to the public has changed little since 1848, which is to monument and maintain the public land survey system of section and quarter section corners. The law requires this of the County Surveyor. The County Surveyor should constantly envision the day when this system is again intact as it was over 150 years ago. Once intact the County Surveyor should guard this system like a "loyal watchdog" so to speak, for section and quarter section corners are the basis of all land ownership, as we know it. The County Surveyor must always protect this network of public corners.

The County Surveyor should be available to the public at all times, not only in the field, but also in the classroom. When the public asks, the County Surveyor should respond. The County Surveyor should be willing to go to any school or appear before any public or civic group. By making public education another goal, the County Surveyor furthers the goal of maintaining the public land survey system. It also helps to prevent the public from making costly mistakes. The County Surveyor must always serve the public.

Our forefathers came to America for many reasons, one of which was the right as free people to own land. The County Surveyor must always remember that as they execute their job, they help to maintain that right of ownership. This right is a sacred dream to all Americans. The County Surveyor should always put this right and the laws that allow them to protect it, above all else. "The law is the law." The County Surveyor remains solid in their office only if they never veer from this latter point. By remembering this, the public is always put first.

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