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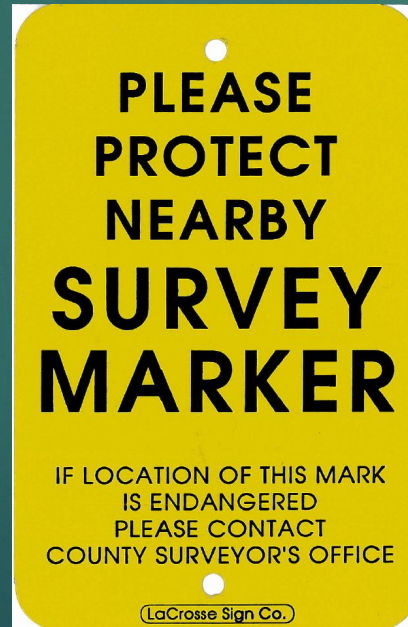
**2:15 – 3:15 PM**

**County Surveyors and the Important Work They Do for Wisconsin**

Speaker: Bryan Meyer, County Surveyor, La Crosse County

Moderator: Staci Hoffman, Register of Deeds, Jefferson County

# County Surveyors and the Important Work They Do for Wisconsin




**BRYAN MEYER – LA CROSSE  
COUNTY SURVEYOR**

***IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT OF THE  
WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS***

***PAST PRESIDENT WISCONSIN COUNTY  
SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION***

**September 18, 2023**



**For your convenience, many of your questions and comments have already been incorporated into this presentation.**

***“Dude, what exactly qualifies you to talk about the importance of the County Surveyor?”***





June 1976

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**H. A. Sime and Associates**  
**Tomah, Wisconsin**

**Historian**  
**Mathematician**  
**Cartographer**  
**Lumberjack**  
**Archeologist**  
**Interpreter**  
**Writer**  
**Thinker**  
**Moderator**

# Rhineland, Wisconsin



**H. A. Sime and  
Associates  
Tomah, Wisconsin**

**28½ years**

**PRIVATE PRACTICE  
SURVEY WORK**





**December 4, 1998**

**Part-time  
County Surveyor**

**Juneau County, Wisconsin**

**Part time – four hours  
the second and fourth  
Monday of the month**





**Eight hours a month?**





**Wisconsin River Power Company (WRPCO) operates two hydroelectric plants, Petenwell and Castle Rock, on the Wisconsin River. It proportionately sells the energy produced to the two companies that own all of the outstanding shares of stock of the company.**

**Wisconsin River Power Company sold off some land along portions of the Wisconsin River, including Juneau County.**

# **Over the course of the next 10 years...**

**...the need for more time  
for the County Surveyor became evident:**

**Expanded to eight hours the second and forth  
Monday of the month = 16 hours per month**

**Expanded to eight hours the first four Mondays of  
the month 48 days per year = 384 hours per year**

**Expanded to eight hours the first five Mondays of  
the month 52 days per year = 416 hours per year**





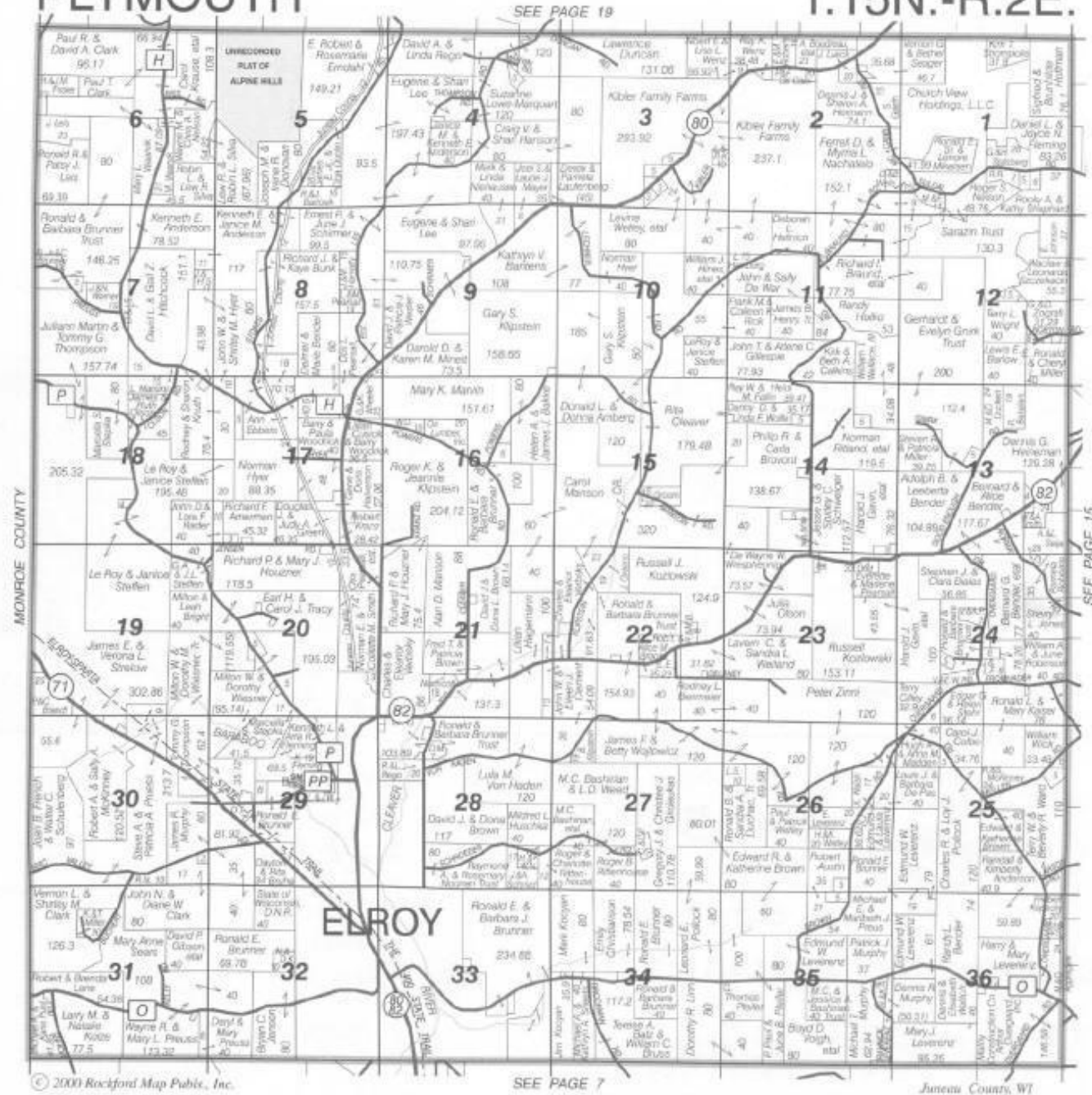
# Provide oversight

## Contracted service to do PLSS remonumentation work



### PLYMOUTH

### T.15N.-R.2E.



# DECEMBER 2008

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**November 2008**

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**LA CROSSE COUNTY**  
Exceptional services. Extraordinary place.



**47 years as a surveyor**

**25 years as a County Surveyor**





I ❤️  
MY  
JOB

**“So, Bryan, what's the agenda for today?”**



# Today's Outline:

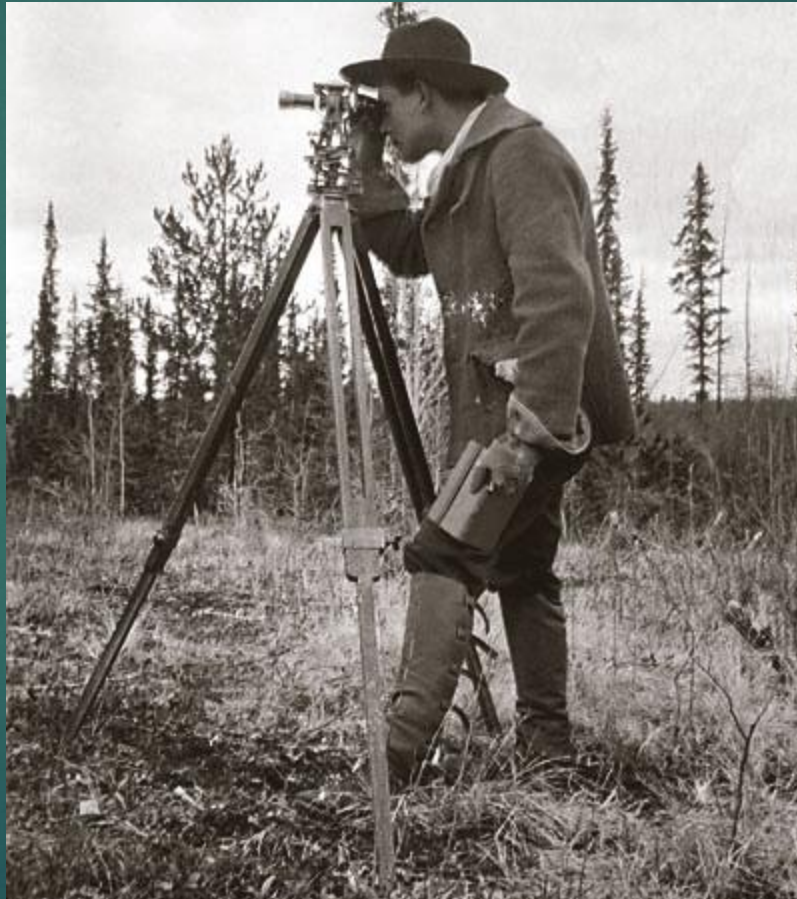
- A) The origins of the County Surveyor
- B) The status of the County Surveyor in Wisconsin today.
- C) The statutory duties of the county surveyor
- D) The 5 BIG things a typical County Surveyor does
  - 1) Reestablish and maintain the corners of the Public land Survey System (PLSS)
  - 2) Review Survey Maps
  - 3) File Survey Maps
  - 4) Work for other County agencies
    - a) Highway Dept Example
    - b) Register of Deeds Example
    - c) Relat Property Lister Example
  - 5) Answer Lots and Lots of Questions
- D) Bryan's Favorite PLSS Corner
- F) Write a letter



***“Hey Bryan, where did the position of County Surveyor come from?”***



# The Origin of the County Surveyor in Wisconsin







# Wisconsin Territory

Same “Surveying District” laws carried over

Statutes of 1839 made the office of District Surveyor elective (two year term)



Laws remained in effect when Wisconsin was granted statehood in 1848

Since 1849 the office has been designated as County Surveyor

Constitutional Office

# **Constitutional and Statutory Officers.**

**Constitutional officers have their own duties, responsibilities, and authority described in the statutes.**

**They are as follows:**

- 1) Clerk 59.23 (board & other records)**
- 2) Treasurer 59.25 (collect & disperse funds)**
- 3) Sheriff 59.26-59.33 (jail, law enforcement)**
- 4) Coroner (or Medical Examiner) 59.34 (medical examiner)**
- 5) Clerk of Court 59.40 (court records)**
- 6) Register of Deeds 59.43 (record real estate and vital statistic documents)**
- 7) Surveyor 59.45 (certain land surveys)**
- 8) District Attorney 978.05 (criminal prosecutor)**

**Because these officers are elected, just as the members of the County Board of Supervisors**



# THE WISCONSIN COUNTY SURVEYOR TODAY

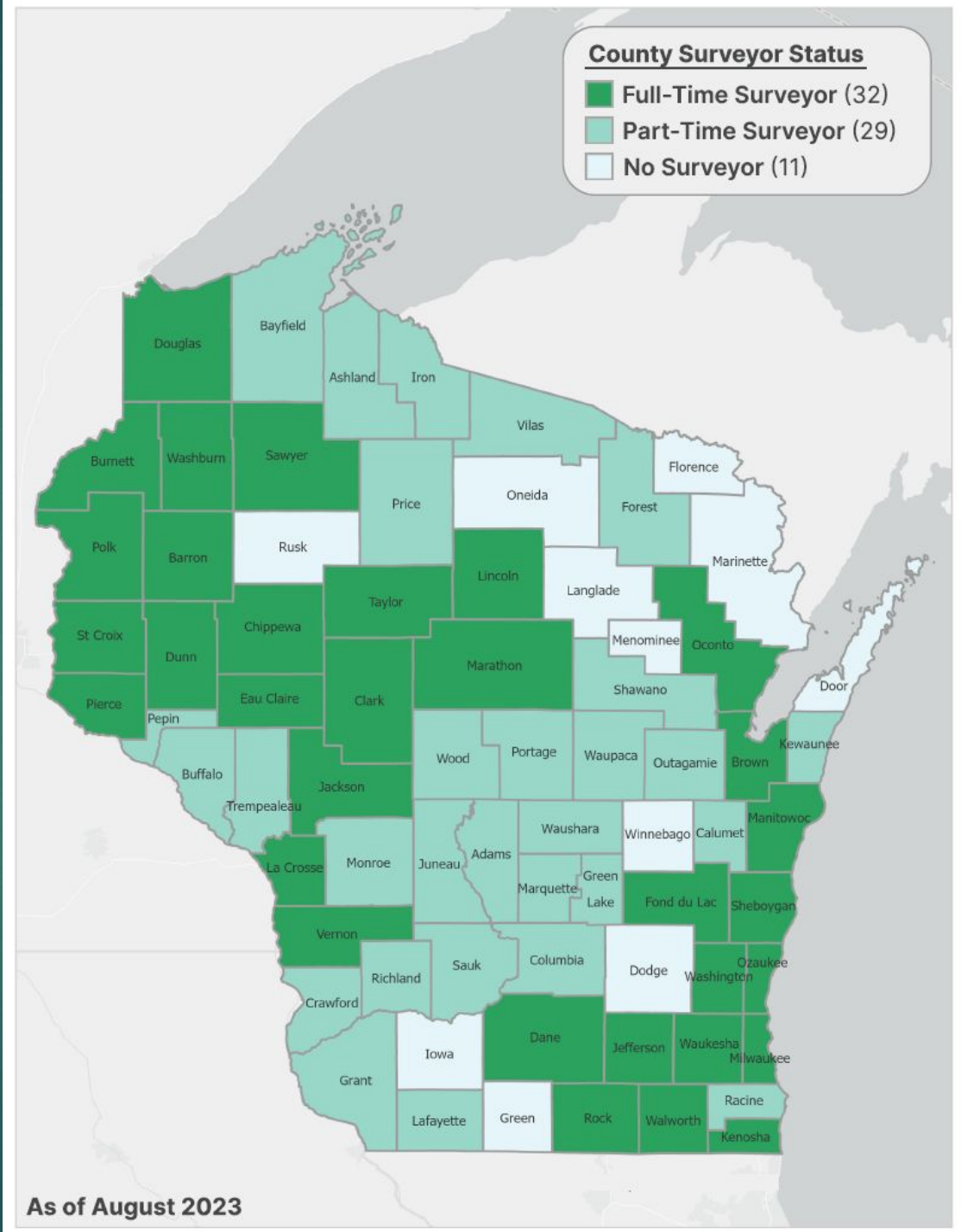


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County may:

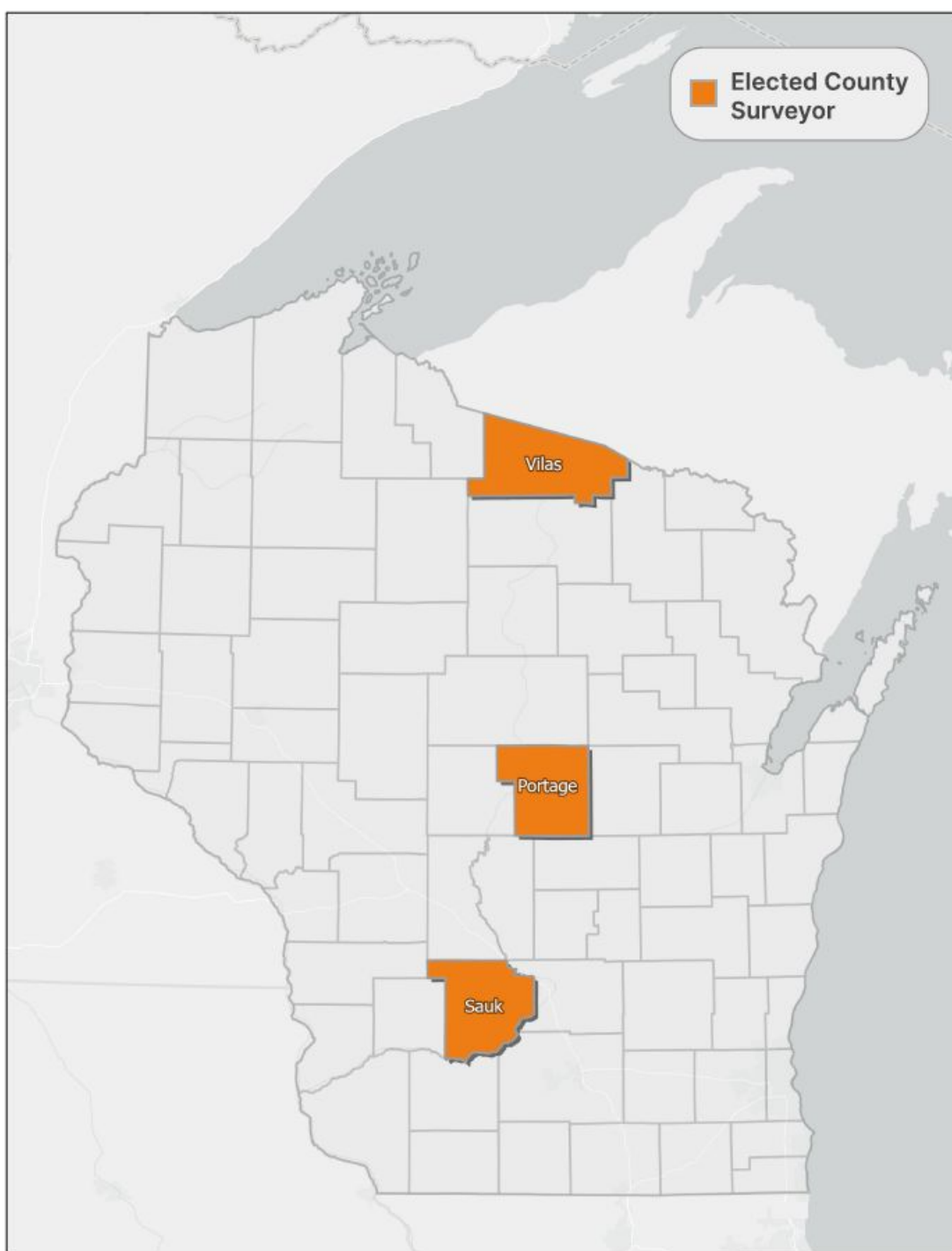
- Appoint
- Elect
- Leave Vacant

# CURRENT STATUS OF COUNTY SURVEYORS

- 33 FULL TIME
- 29 PART TIME
- 11 NONE







Vilas  
Portage  
Sauk

# **WISCONSIN STATUTES**

**59.45  
County  
Surveyor duties,  
deputies, fees.**



## **59.45 County surveyor; duties, deputies, fees.**

### **(1) SURVEYOR; DUTIES.**

**(a) The county surveyor shall do all of the following:**

- 1. Execute, personally or by a deputy, all surveys that are required by the county or by a court. Surveys for individuals or corporations may be executed at the county surveyor's discretion.**
- 2. Make, personally or by a deputy, a record, in books or on drawings and plats that are kept for that purpose, of all corners that are set and the manner of fixing the corners, of each survey made personally, by deputies or by other professional land surveyors and arrange or index the record so it is an easy-to-use reference and file and preserve in the office the original field notes and calculation thereof. Within 60 days after completing any survey, the county surveyor shall make a true and correct copy of the foregoing record, in record books or on reproducible papers to be furnished by the county and kept in files in the office of the county surveyor to be provided by the county. In a county with a population of 750,000 or more where there is no county surveyor, a copy of the record shall also be filed in the office of the regional planning commission which acts in the capacity of county surveyor for the county.**



**3. Furnish a copy of any record, plat or paper in the office to any person on demand and upon payment to the county of the required fees.**

**4. Administer to every survey assistant engaged in any survey, before commencing their duties, an oath or affirmation to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of survey assistant, and the deputies are empowered to administer the same.**

**5. Perform all other duties that are required by law.**

**(b) Surveys for individuals or corporations may be performed by any professional land surveyor who is employed by the parties requiring the services, providing that within 60 days after completing any survey the professional land surveyor files a true and correct copy of the survey in the office of the county surveyor. In counties with a population of 750,000 or more the copy shall be filed in the office of the register of deeds and in the office of the regional planning commission which acts in the capacity of county surveyor for the county.**



# 5

**The five BIG THINGS a  
typical County Surveyor does:**

- 1. Re-establish and maintain the monuments of the Public Land Survey System.**
- 2. Review survey maps**
- 3. File survey maps**
- 4. Do work for other County Departments**
- 5. Answer lots and lots of questions**



# BIG THING #1

**Re-establish and maintain the corners of the Public Land Survey System.**

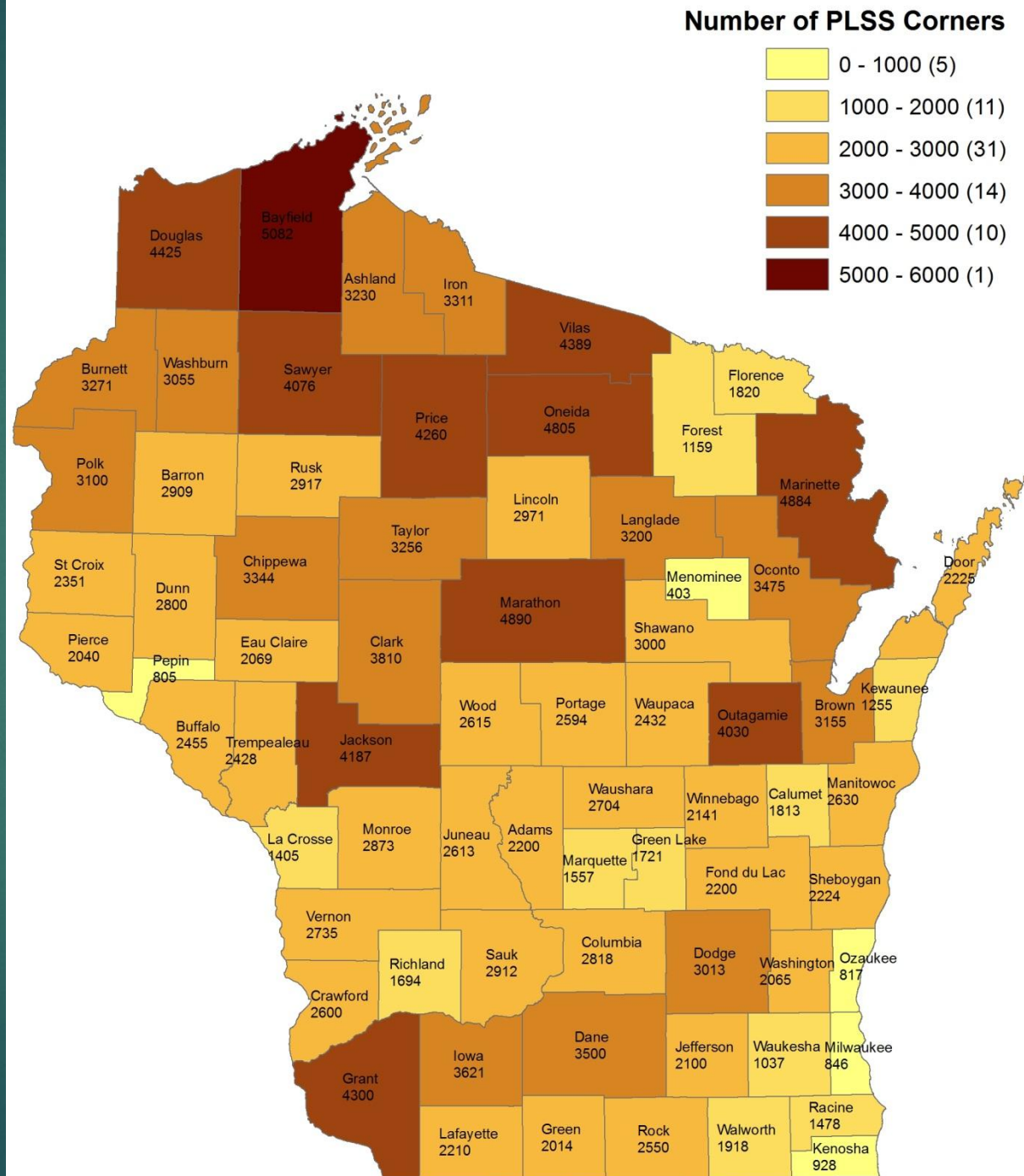




# Total Number of Reported PLSS Corners Set in the Original Government Survey

Statewide Total =  
**193,720**

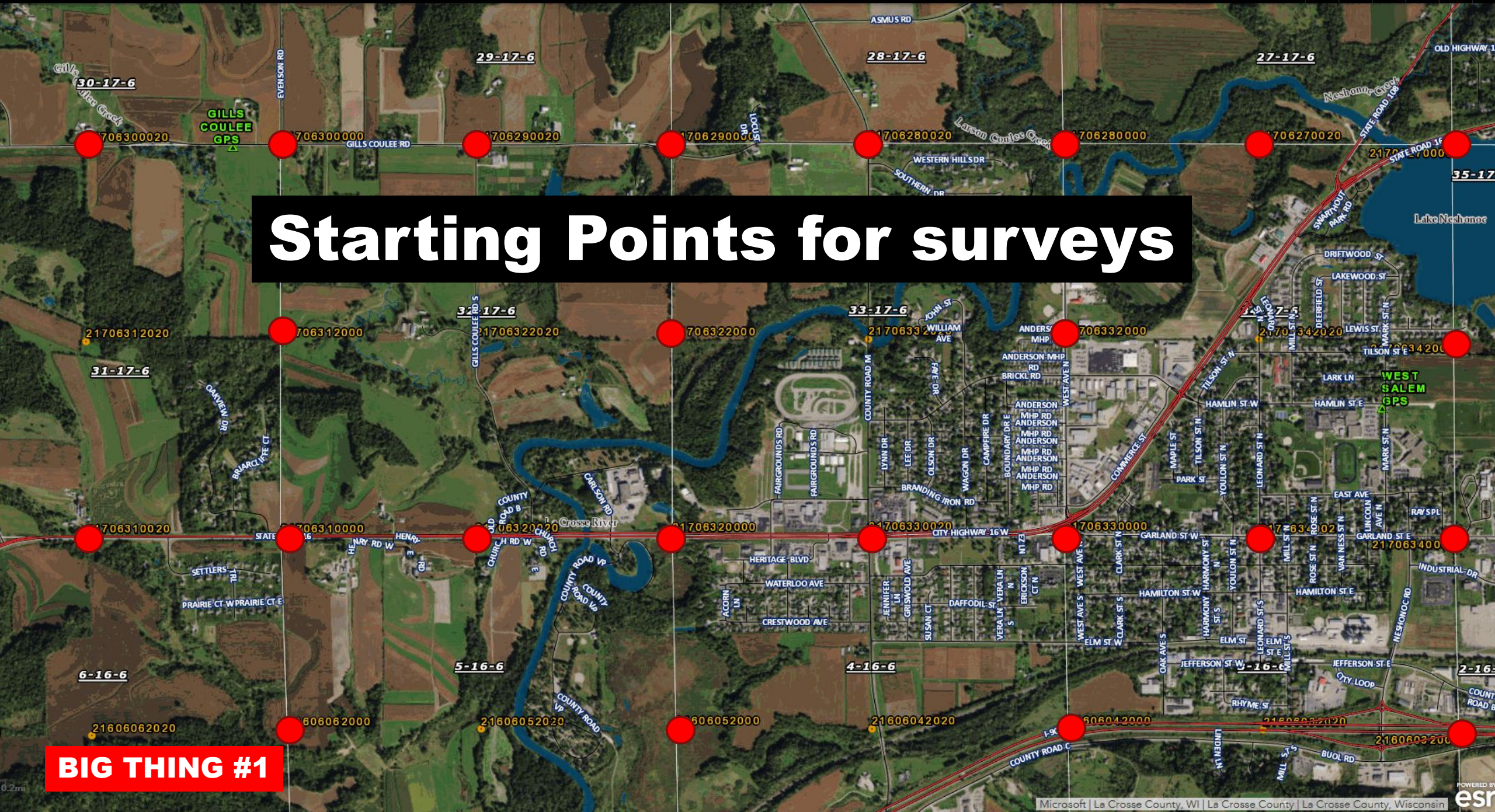
(source: 2016 WLIP County Land Information Plans)





# Starting Points for surveys

**BIG THING #1**





**Every survey performed in the State of Wisconsin is required to be referenced (tied) to two PLSS corners.**

## **Wisconsin Administrative Code**

### **Chapter A-E 7 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PROPERTY SURVEYS**

**A-E 7.05(4) The map shall describe by bearing and distance the corner monuments used in determining the location of the parcel boundary and show by bearing and distance the relationship of at least 2 government monuments, if not previously tied, and all newly established monuments, to the surveyed parcel. All the monuments shown on the map shall indicate whether such monuments were found or set, including a description of the monument with a legend or notes for all symbols and abbreviations used on the map.**



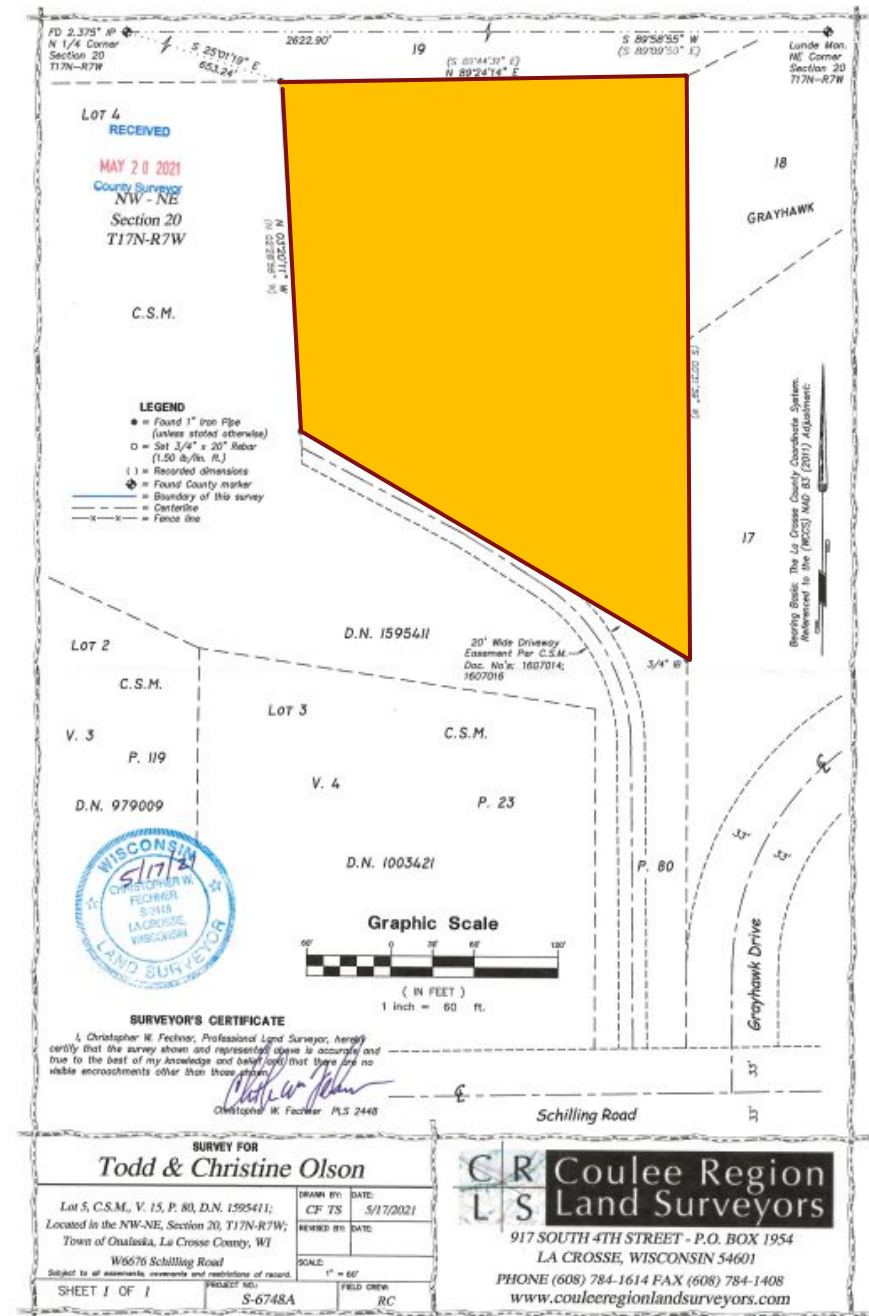
## **CHAPTER 236**

### **PLATTING LANDS AND RECORDING AND VACATING PLATS**

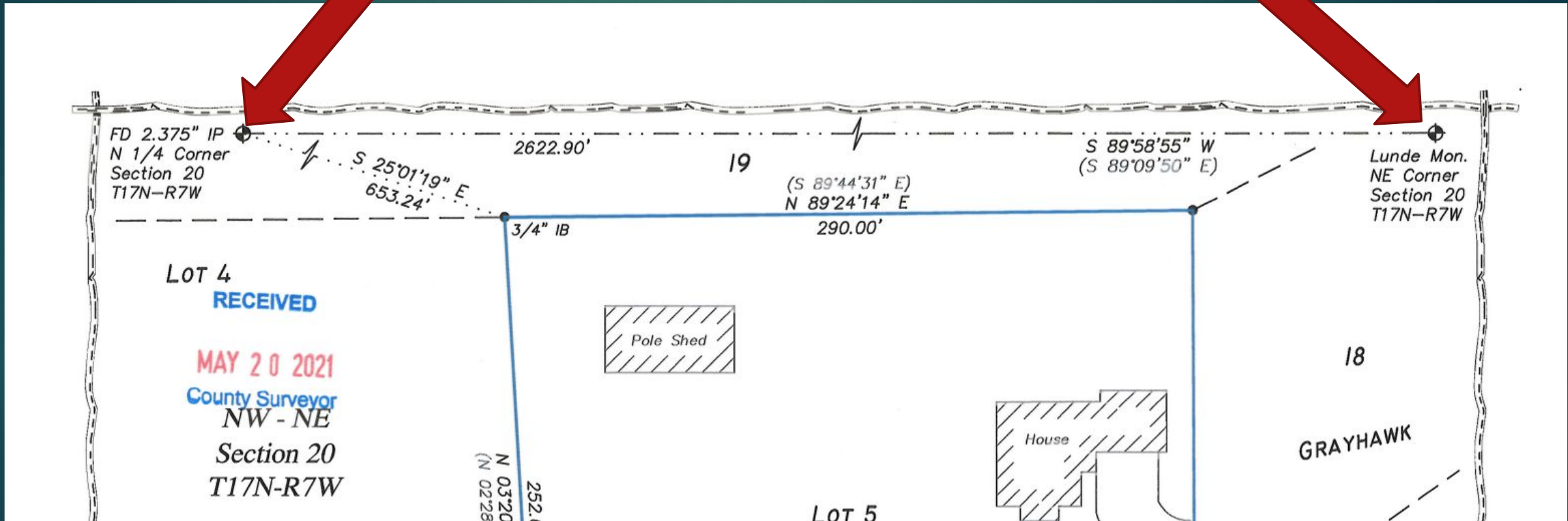
# **FINAL PLAT AND DATA**

**236.20(3)(b) The location of the subdivision shall be indicated by bearing and distance from a boundary line of a government lot monumented in the original survey or resurvey of Wisconsin, quarter section, recorded private claim, or federal reservation in which the subdivision is located. The monumentation at the ends of the boundary line shall be described and the bearing and distance between them shown.**

# Plat of Survey Map



# PLSS Corners!



Every survey in Wisconsin is required to be tied to at least two PLSS corners!





***“Hey Bryan, where did all of these  
PLSS corners come from?”***

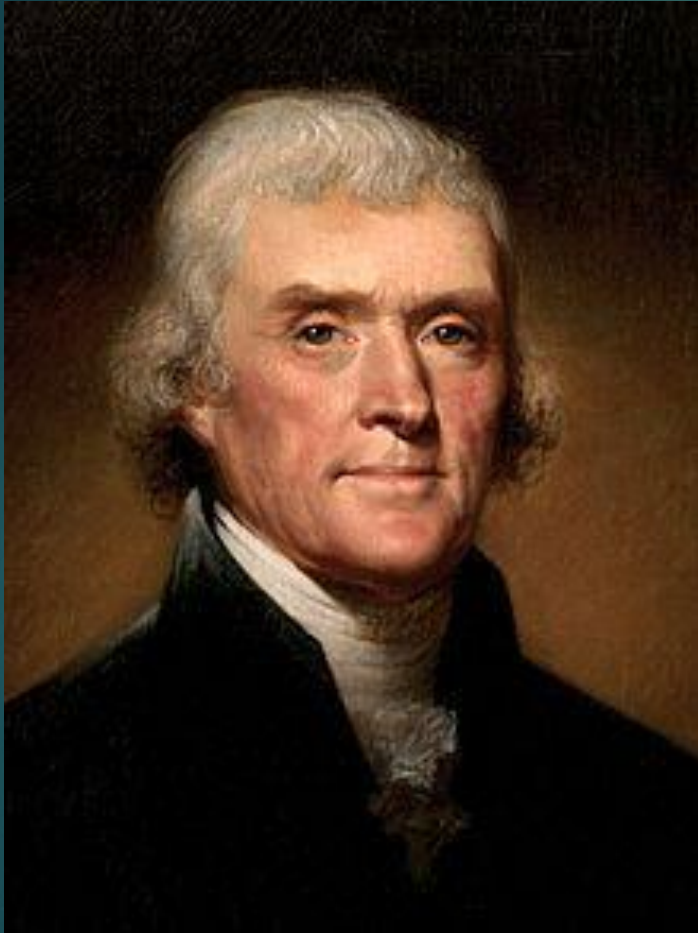
# **PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM HISTORY**

**Gridwork of 6 mile by 6-mile squares (Townships)**

**Each of those squares contain 36  
1 mile by 1-mile squares (Sections)**

**Corner markers set a roughly half mile intervals  
(Section and Quarter corners)**

**The PLSS was  
Championed by Thomas Jefferson  
saw a nation of yeoman farmers**

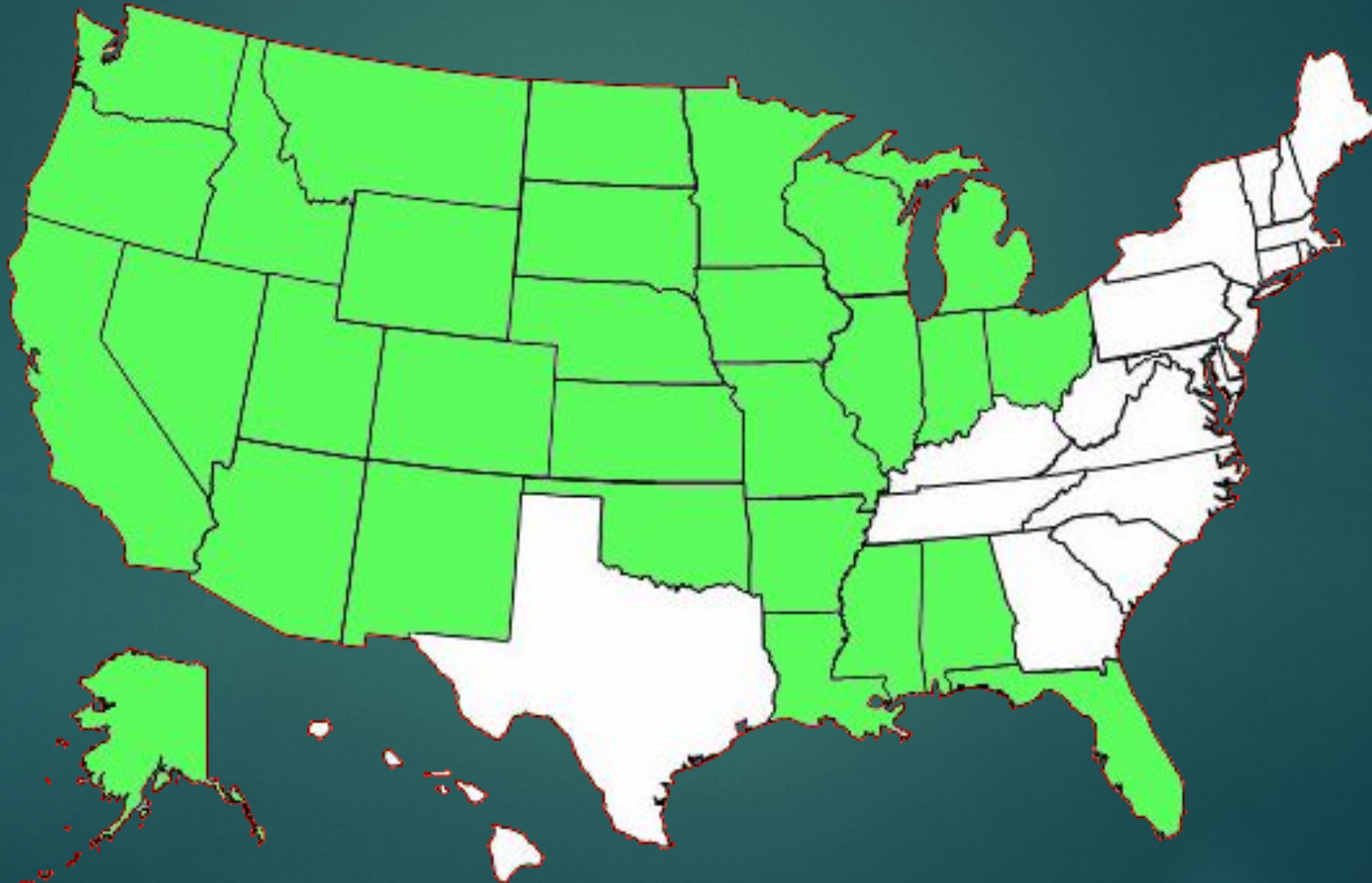


**Each one owning 160 acres**

**BIG THING #1**



# Public Lands Survey System (PLSS)



**BIG THING #1**



In Wisconsin,  
the Original  
Government  
Survey  
took place  
between  
1832 and 1866

**BIG THING #1**

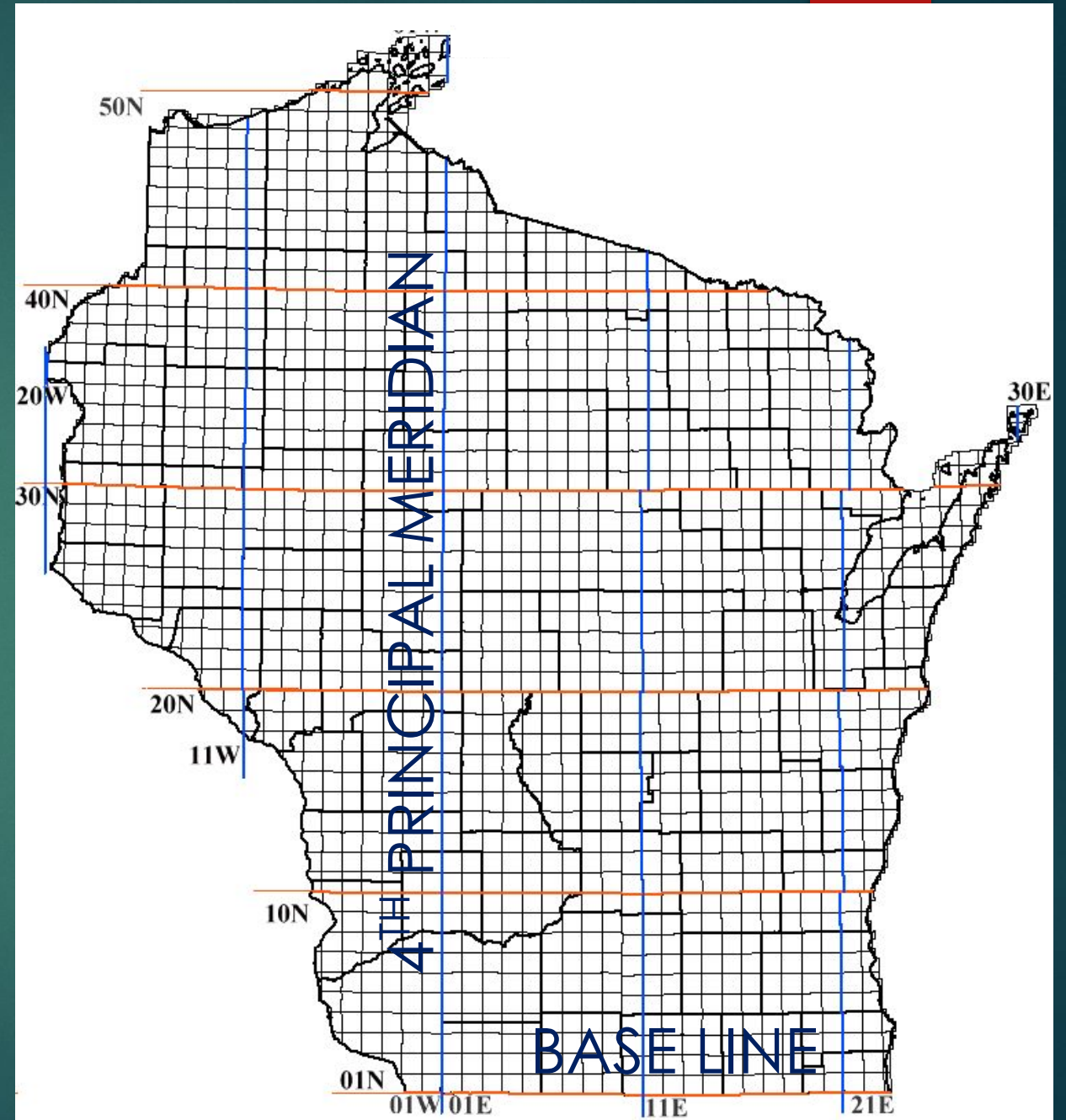


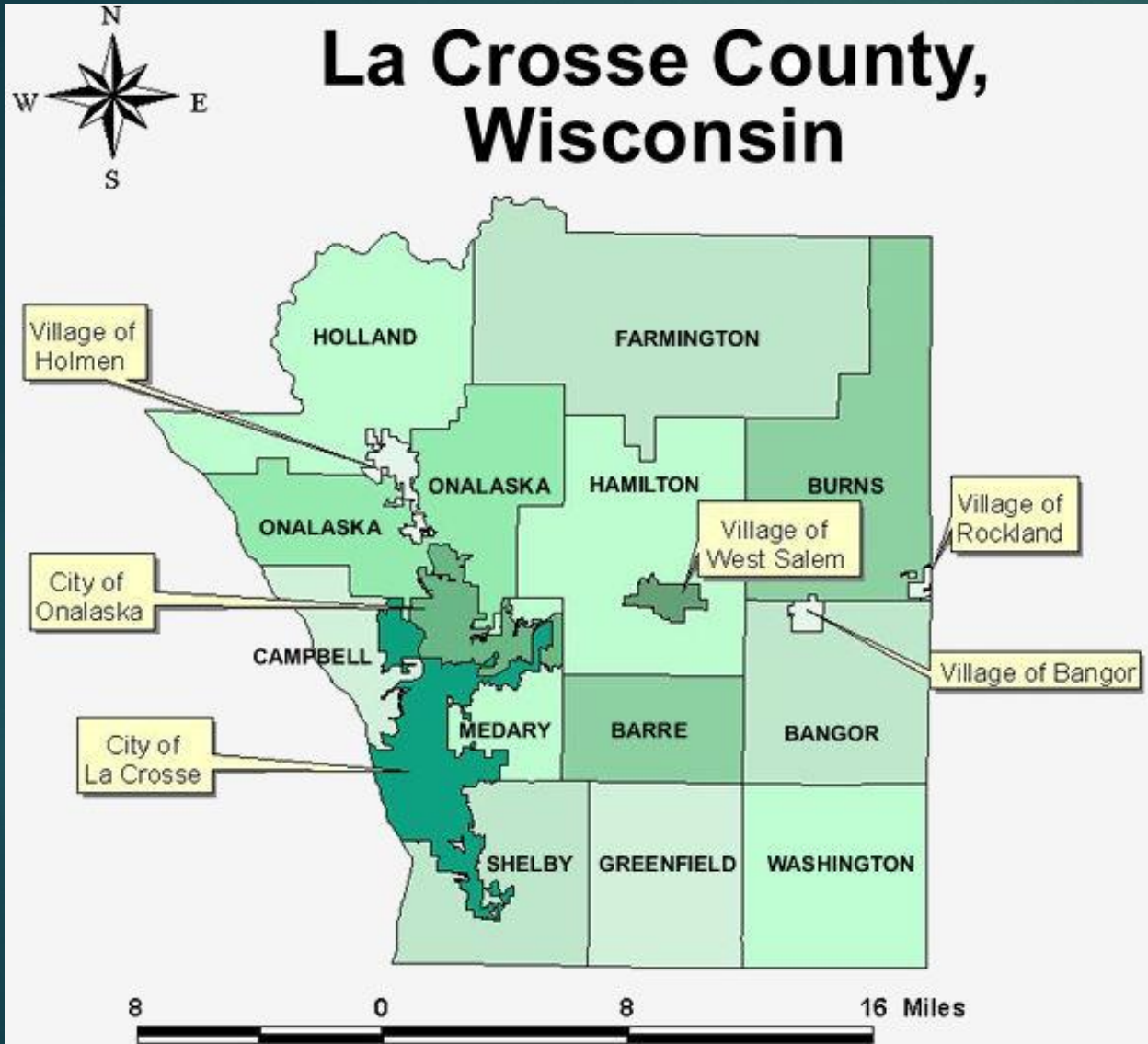
# PLSS

## Townships across Wisconsin

6-mile by 6-mile squares

**BIG THING #1**





**#1**

**PLSS**

**Between 1844 and 1847  
In La Crosse County**

**1405 corner locations  
at basically ½ mile intervals**

**Starting points for surveys  
in La Crosse County**

**Our department goal is to visit  
5% of those corner locations per  
year.**

**BIG THING #1**



**Sections =  
Roughly  
gridded 1 by 1  
mile squares.**

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MAP OF  
**TOWNSHIP 33 N., RANGE 3 W.**  
OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> P.M.  
Scale 1½ inches to 1 mile

**Part of Mc Kinley Township**

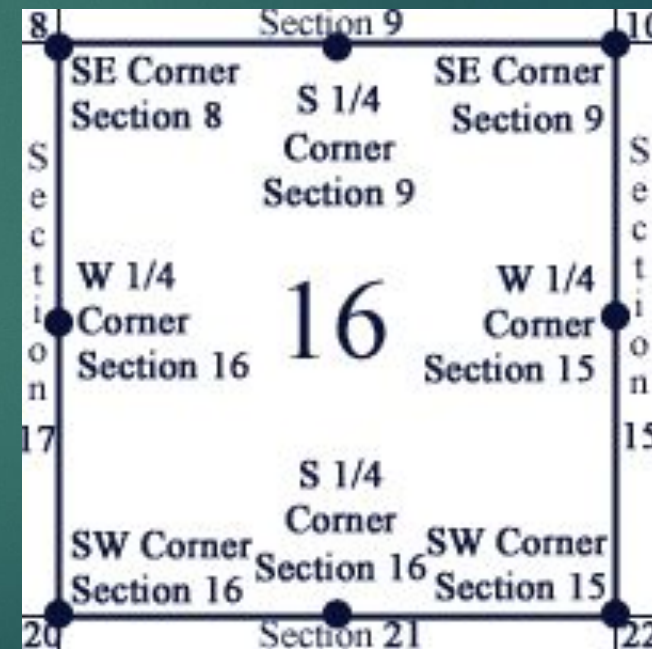
The map displays a grid of land parcels, many labeled with numbers (e.g., 1-36) and names of companies or individuals (e.g., N. West Lumber Co., C. Starn, J. Freté). A prominent river flows through the western portion of the map. The entire map area is enclosed within a red rectangular border. A specific parcel, located roughly in the center-left, is highlighted with a blue square. This parcel is labeled with the number 16 and is situated between several other numbered parcels (8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19, 20).



# The corners established by the PLSS


Roughly  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile intervals – NOT the Center of Section

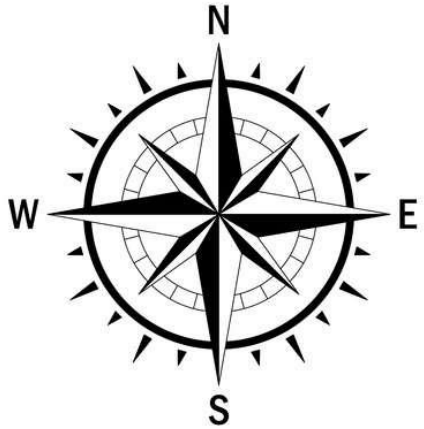
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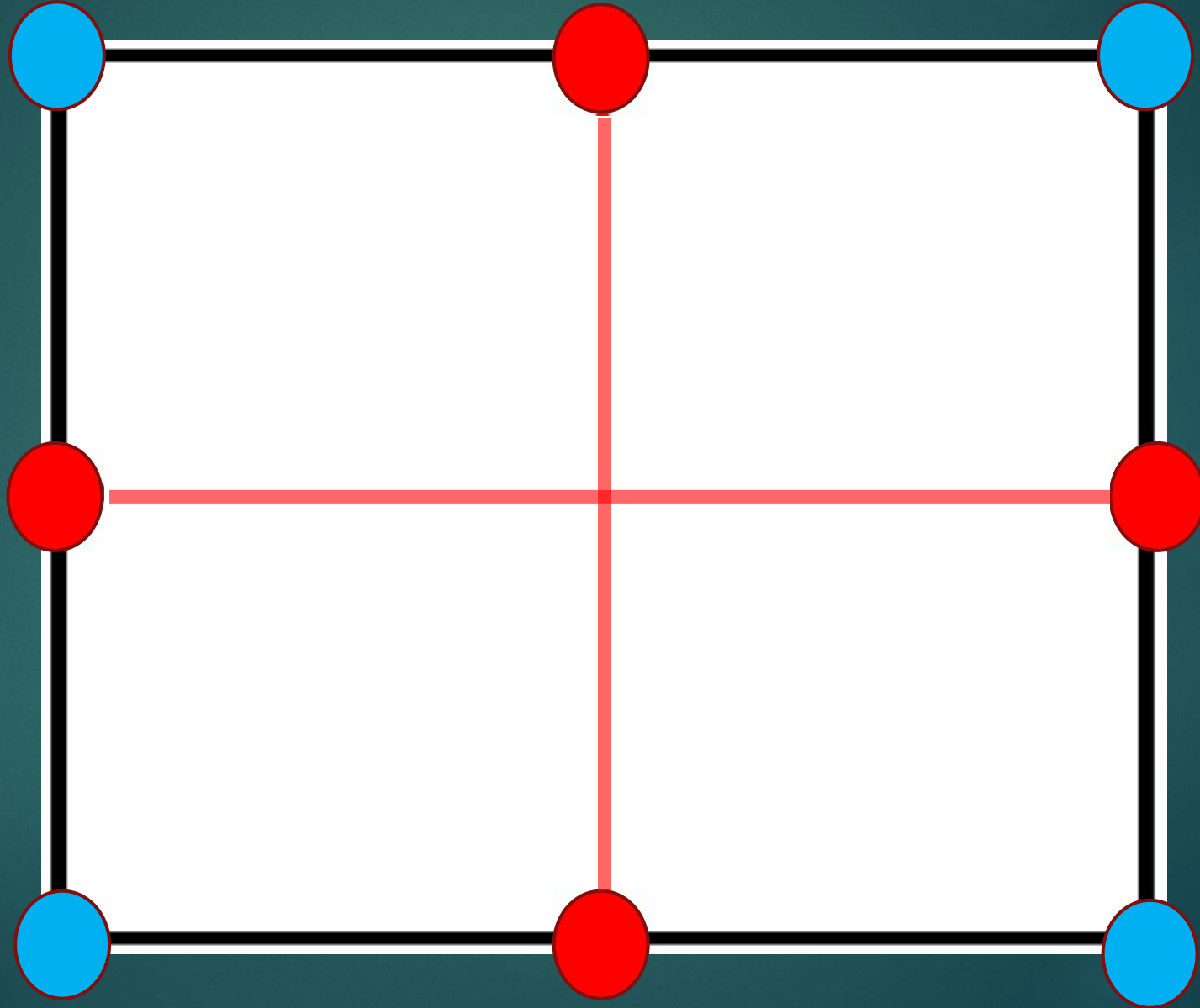
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CORNER

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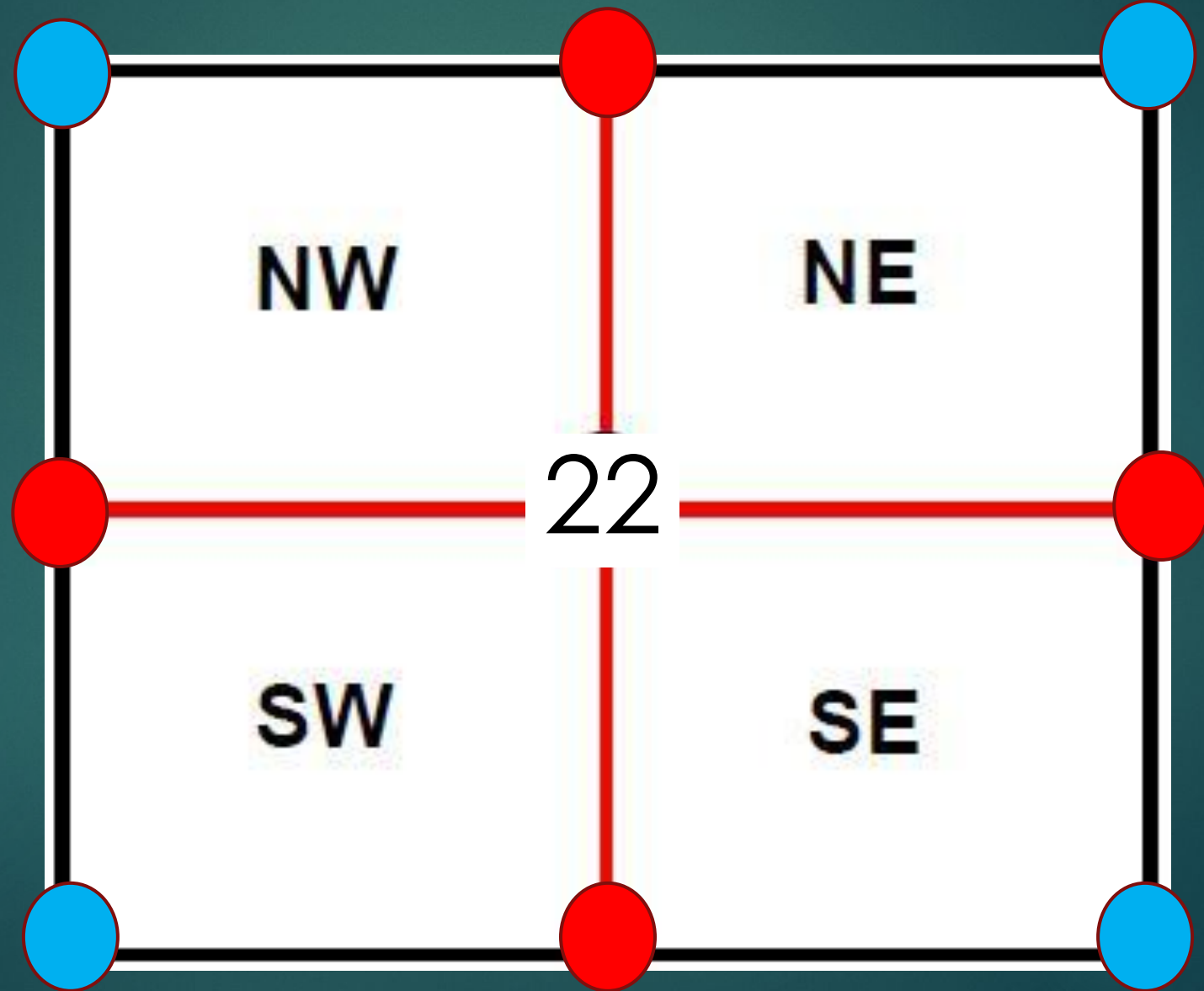


**BIG THING #1**



● = SECTION  
CORNER

● = QUARTER  
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**BIG THING #1**



# Original Corners of the PLSS



**Wood posts  
(most  
cases)**

**Bearing trees**

**BIG THING #1**



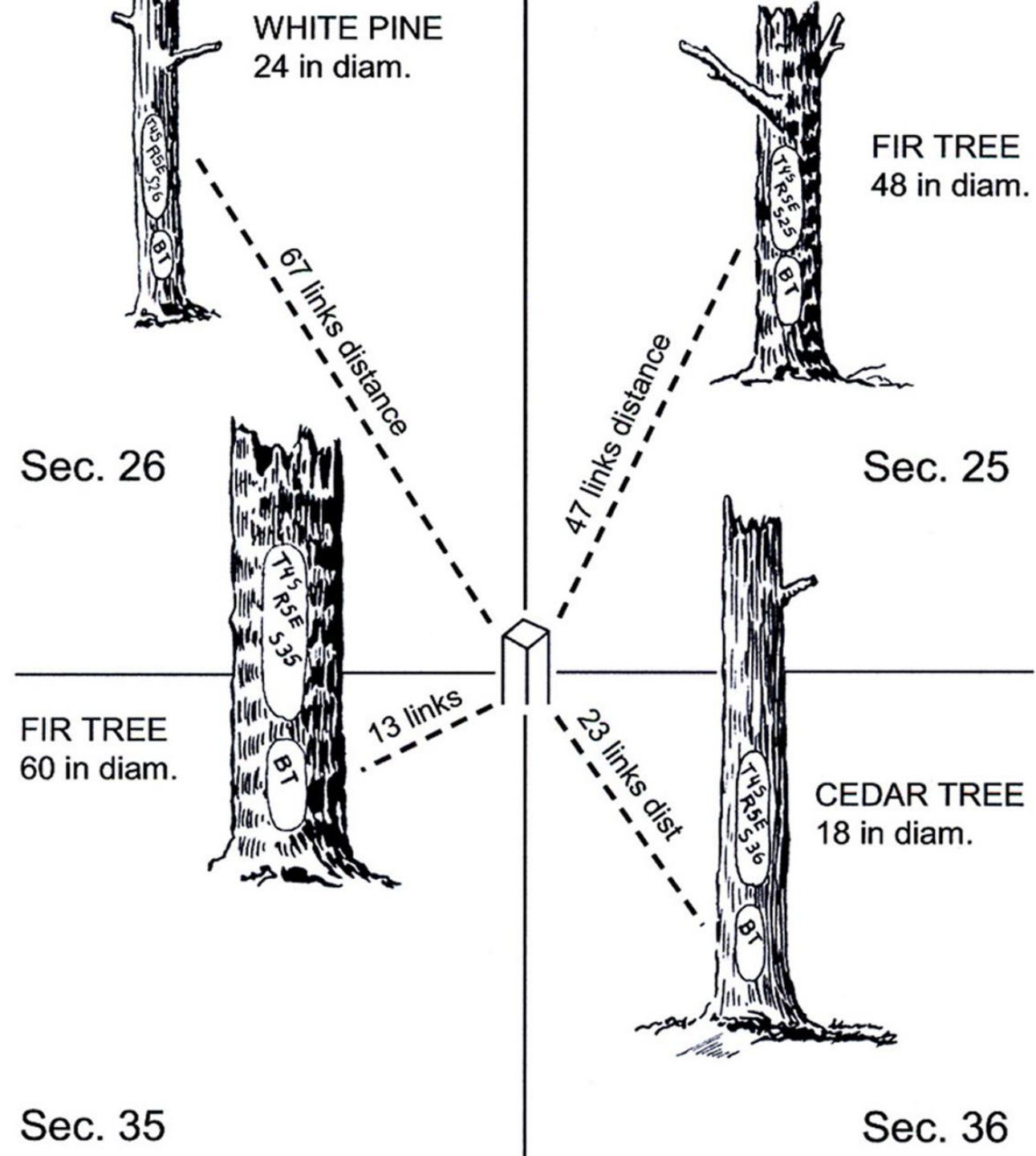


# Marking the Corners

Wood posts were typically set for the corners

Bearing trees or witness trees

**BIG THING #1**





**“Wait”**

**“Wood posts?”**

**“Trees?”**

**BIG THING #1**



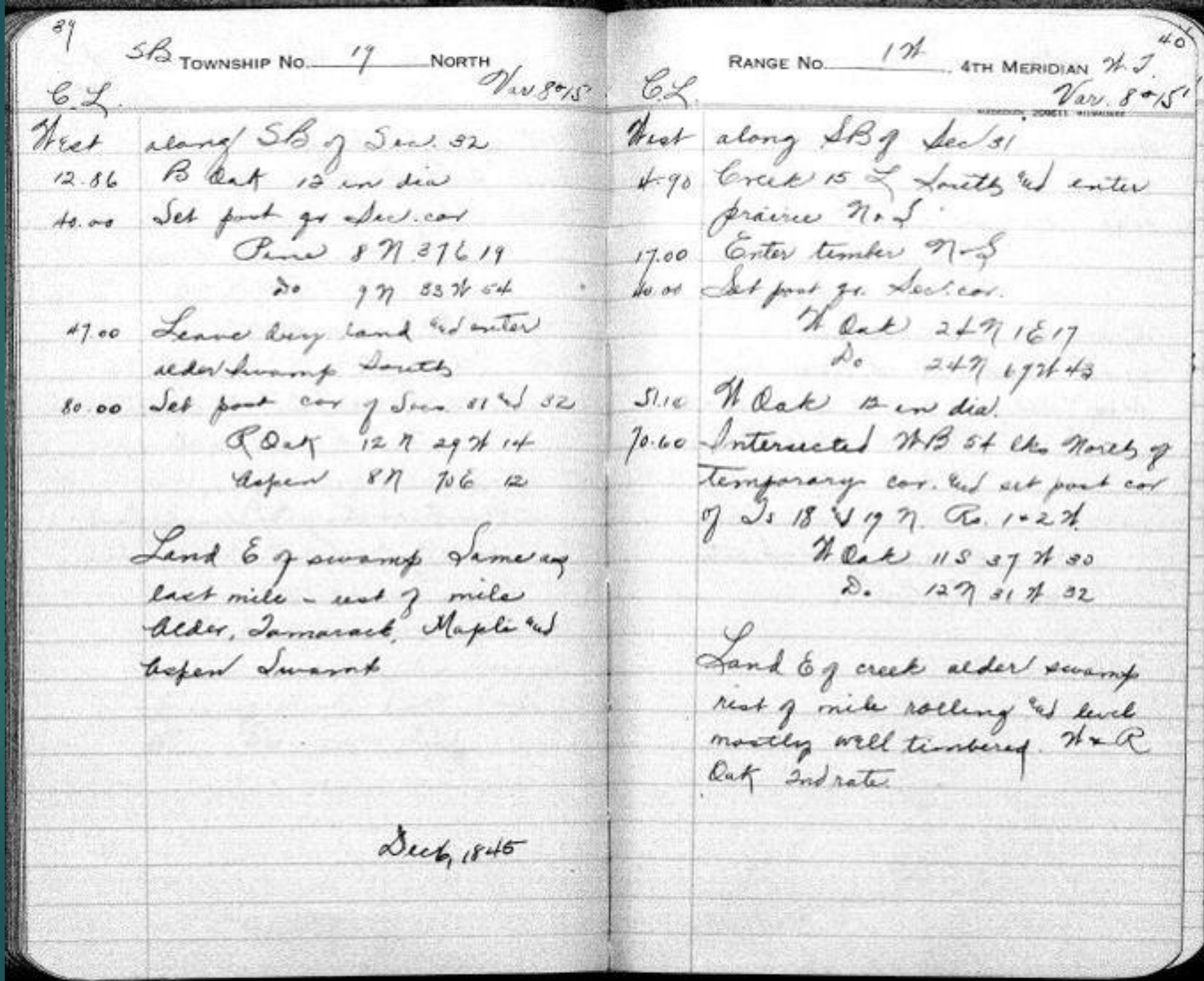
# Original Government

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## Notes

- Measurements
- Corner
- Established
- Bearing trees
- Terrain
- Assessed timber and soils

**BIG THING #1**







***“Hey Bryan, do you have any examples of the equipment or wood posts from the original PLSS work?”***

**Today those corner locations are typically marked rby modern survey markers about 30" long**



**BIG THING #1**





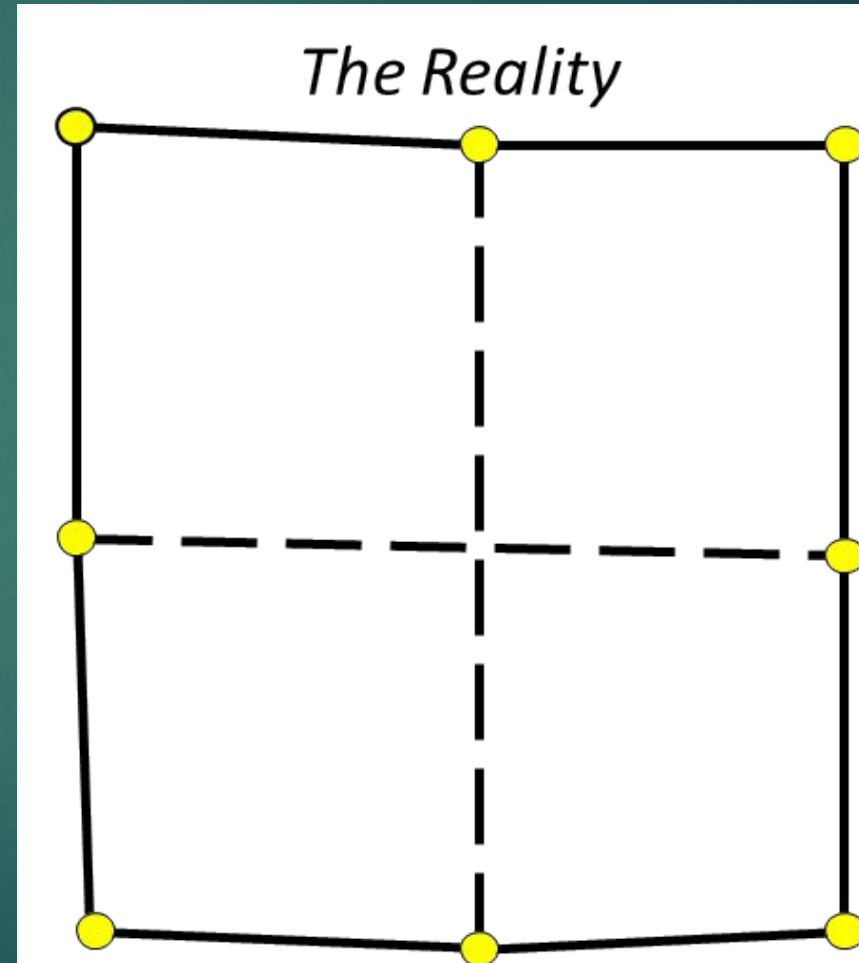
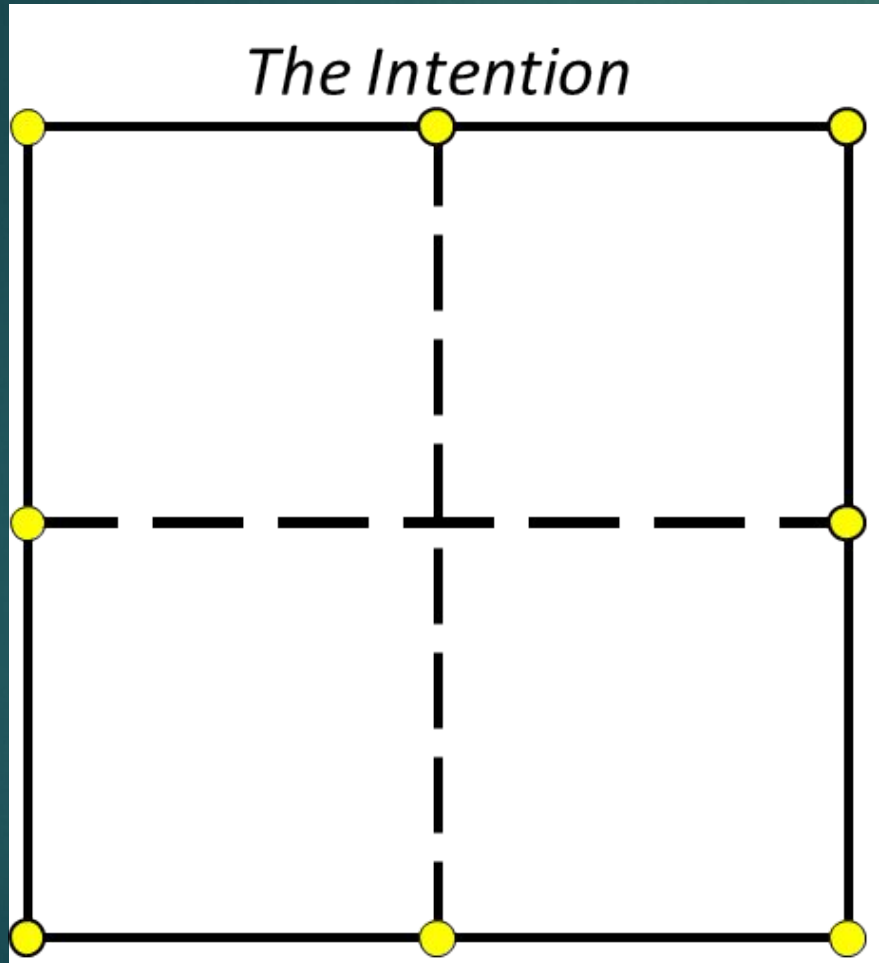
**Public Land Survey System  
corners are critical in  
establishing the interior  
lines of a Section.**





***“Hey Bryan, do you have an example  
of how PLSS corners are used  
to survey a forty acre tract of land?”***

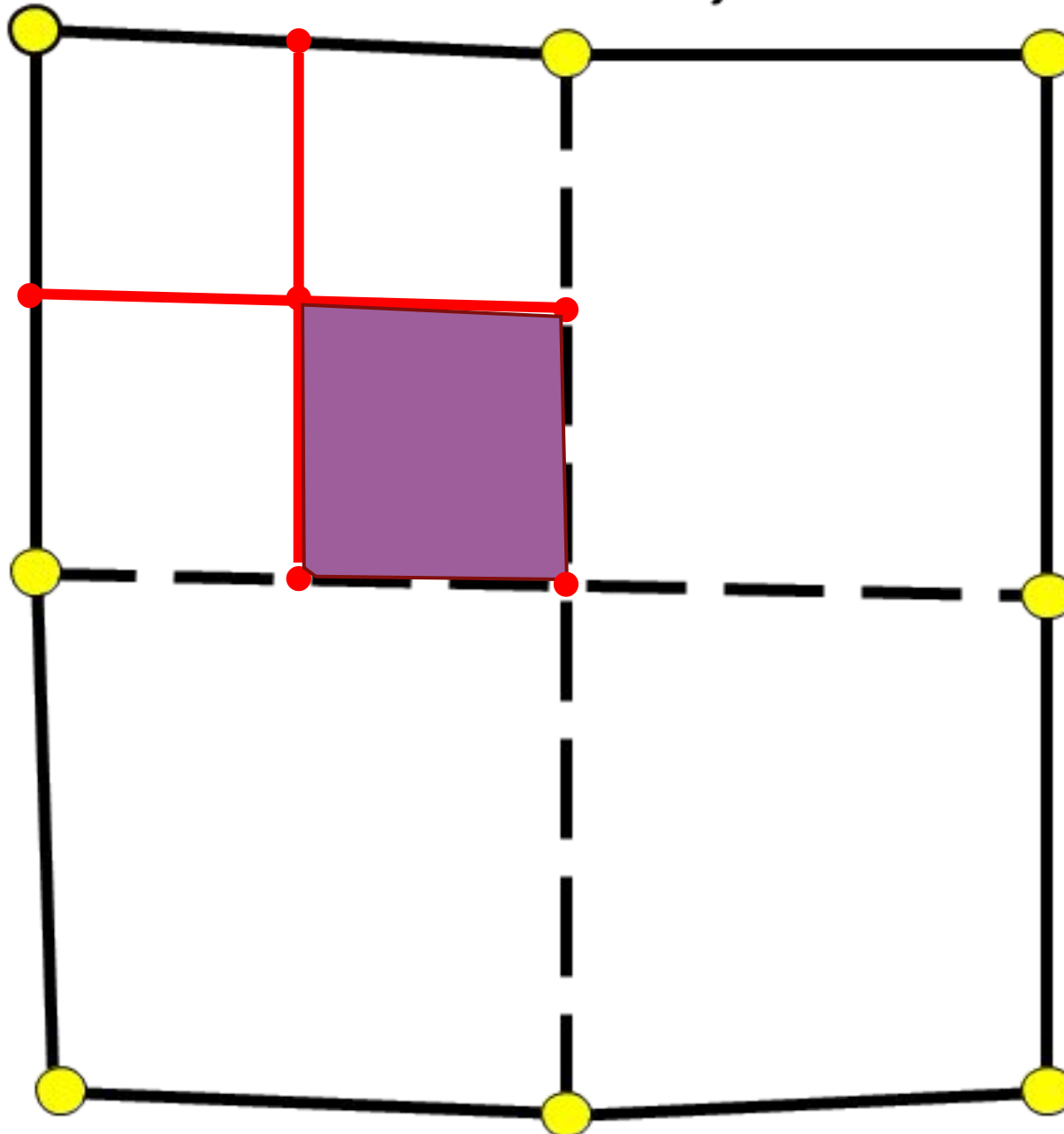
# Perfect World vs. The Real World



**BIG THING #1**

## *The Reality*

To do a survey  
of the  
**SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>**



**BIG THING #1**





1. The PLSS defines the boundaries of nearly every property in Wisconsin.
2. Professional Land Surveyors **STILL** use PLSS corners to define boundaries.
3. The PLSS is our heritage.



**The PLSS is the fundamental way that almost all of the state's land was first systematically marked, divided, and described, and remains the basis for that real property today.**

**BIG THING #1**





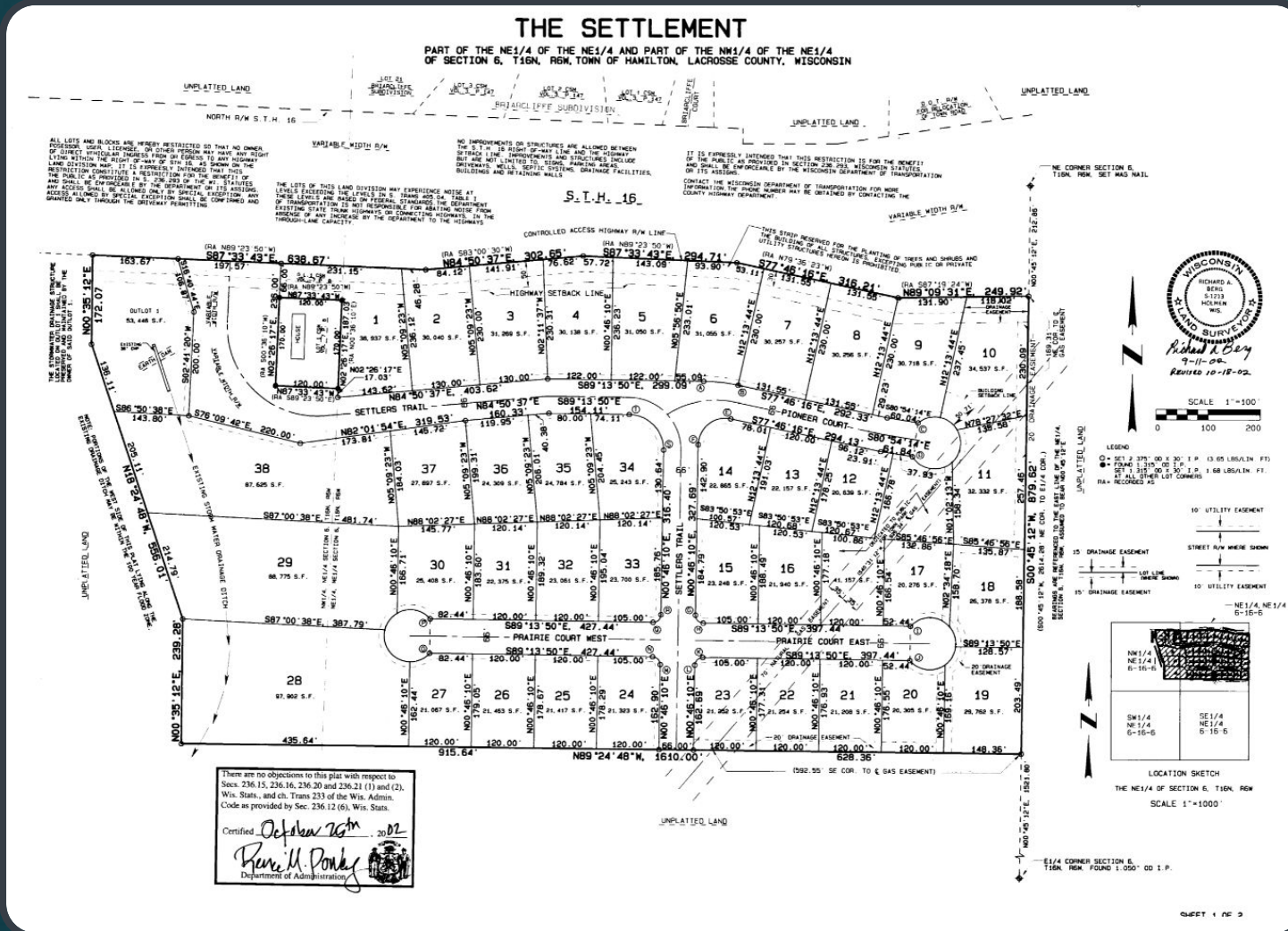


## #2

## Map review

# SUBDIVISION PLAT

Check for  
compliance  
with State Statute  
and  
local ordinance  
Work with Zoning and  
Land  
Conservation  
Departments  
Planning, Resources  
and  
Development  
Committee  
Recorded in the  
Register of Deeds  
Office



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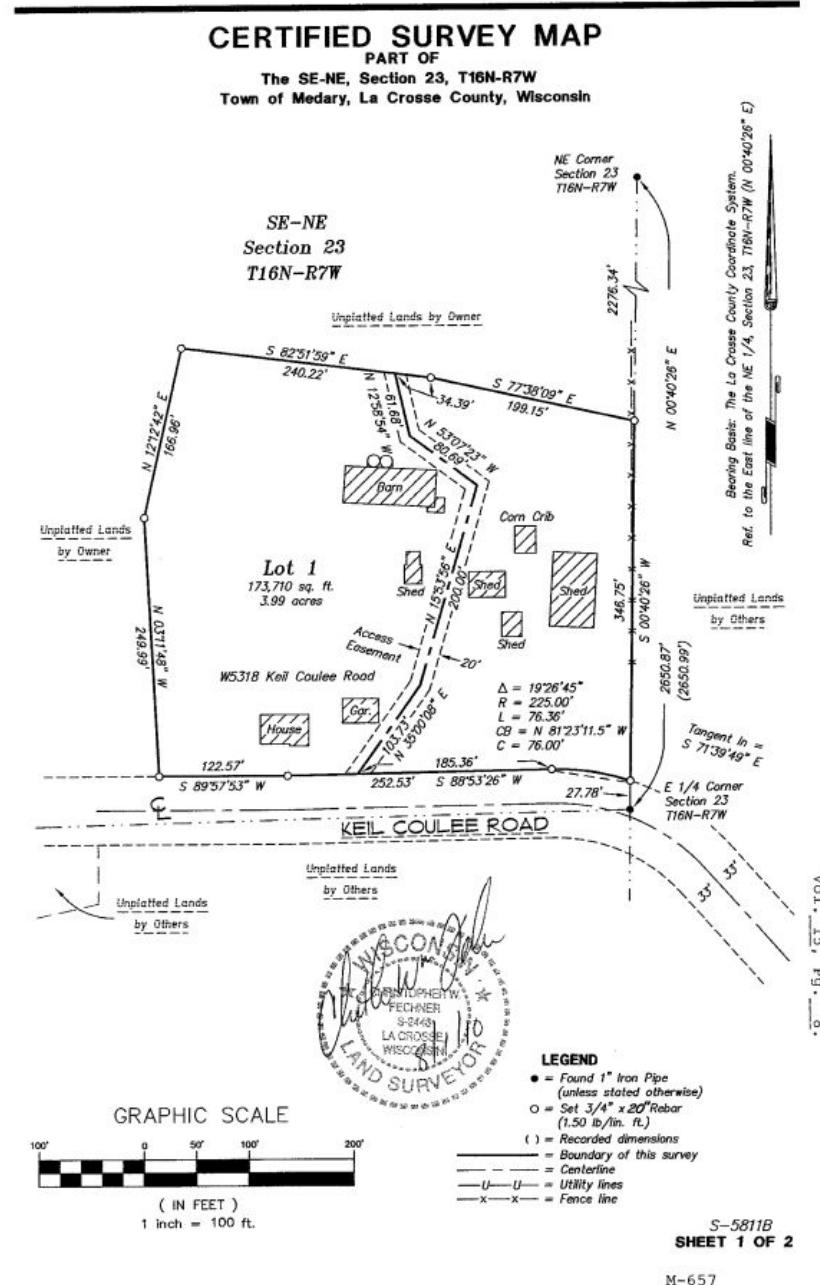
# #2 MAP REVIEW

## Certified Survey Map

Check for compliance with State Statute and local ordinance

Recorded in the Register of Deeds Office

BIG THING #2



## CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

PART OF  
The SE-NE, Section 23, T16N-R7W  
Town of Medary, La Crosse County, Wisconsin

### SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, Christopher W. Fechner, Registered Land Surveyor, do hereby certify that I have surveyed and mapped this Certified Survey Map located in part of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 23, T16N-R7W, Town of Medary, La Crosse County, Wisconsin described as follows:

Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 23, thence, along the East line of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, N 00°40'26" E 27.78 feet to the northerly right-of-way line of Keil Coulee Road and the point of beginning:

thence, along said right-of-way line, on the arc of a 225.00 foot radius curve, concave to the southwest, the chord of which bears, N 81°23'11.5" W 76.00 feet;  
thence, continuing along said right-of-way line, S 88°53'26" W 252.53 feet;  
thence, continuing along said right-of-way line, S 89°57'53" W 122.57 feet;  
thence N 03°11'48" W 249.99 feet;  
thence N 12°12'42" E 166.96 feet;  
thence S 82°51'59" E 240.22 feet;  
thence S 77°38'09" E 199.15 feet to said East line;  
thence S 00°40'26" W 346.75 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to any easements, covenants and restrictions of record.

A centerline description for a 20 foot wide access easement, located in part of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 23, T16N-R7W, Town of Medary, La Crosse County, Wisconsin described as follows:

Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 23, thence, along the East line of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, N 00°40'26" E 27.78 feet to the northerly right-of-way line of Keil Coulee Road, thence, along said right-of-way line, on the arc of a 225.00 foot radius curve, concave to the southwest, the chord of which bears, N 81°23'11.5" W 76.00 feet, thence, continuing along said right-of-way line, S 88°53'26" W 185.36 feet to the point of beginning of this centerline description:

thence N 35°00'08" E 103.73 feet;  
thence N 15°53'56" E 200.00 feet;  
thence N 53°07'23" W 80.69 feet;  
thence N 12°58'54" W 61.68 feet;

Subject to any easements, covenants and restrictions of record.

That I have made such survey, map and division of land at the direction of Leonard and Kristine Mellor owners of said land.

That such map is a correct representation of the exterior boundaries of the land surveyed and subdivision thereof made.

That I have fully complied with the provisions of s.236.34, Wisconsin Statutes and with the subdivision ordinances of La Crosse County in surveying and mapping the same.

*Christopher W. Fechner*  
Christopher W. Fechner RLS #2448  
Coulee Region Land Surveyors, LLC  
917 S. 4th Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

Owners:  
Leonard and Kristine Mellor  
770 Wagon Drive  
West Salem, WI 54669

I hereby certify that this survey complies with the provisions of the La Crosse County Subdivision Control Ordinance.

*Bryan H. Meyer*  
Bryan H. Meyer  
County Surveyor



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SHEET 2 OF 2



# **Certified Survey Map and Subdivision Plat Review**

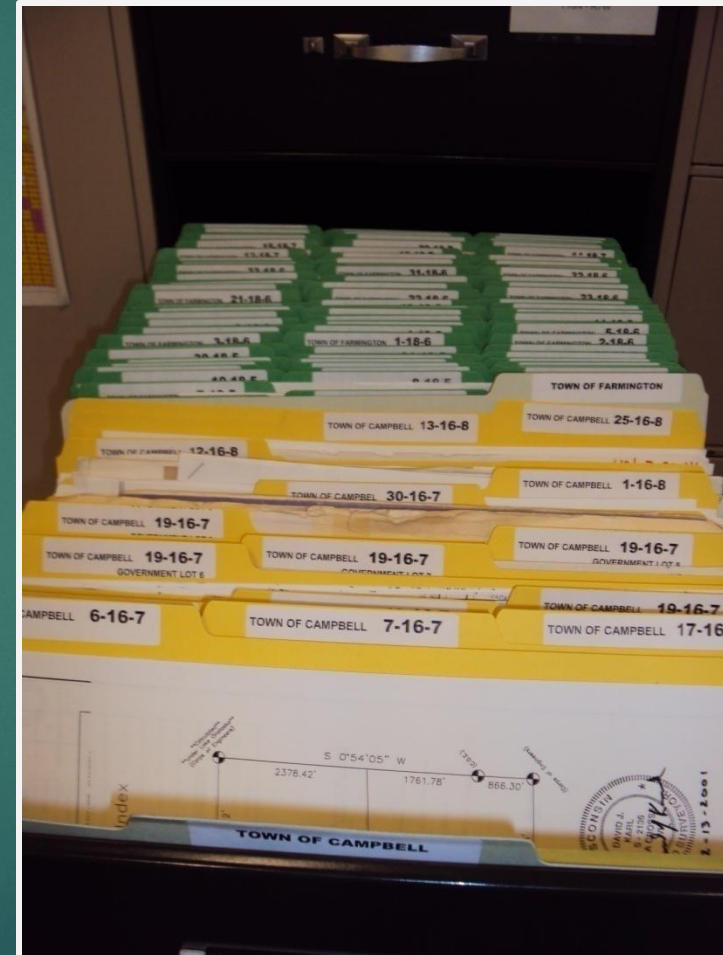
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Code (minimum standards for  
all surveys)  
Chapter 236 – Subdivision Plats  
Chapter 236.34 – CSMs**





# Primary Focus #3

## Survey Records



# SURVEY RECORDS CONSIST OF:

- Old County Surveyor Records
- Plat of Survey maps
- Original Notes
- Tie sheets
- Subdivision maps (copies)
- Certified Survey Maps (copies)
- Highway Right-of-way maps
- Town Road records

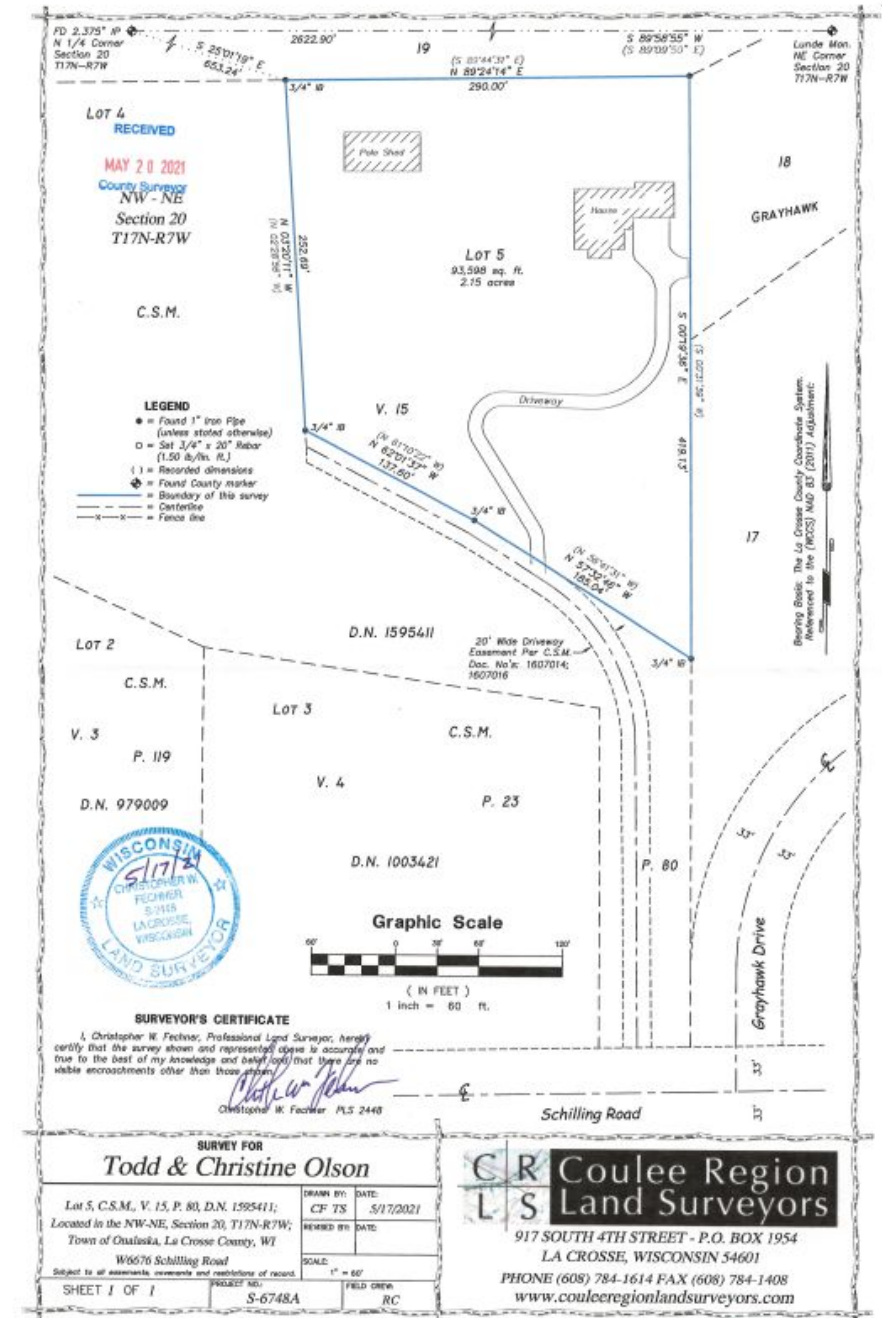




# Plat of Survey Map



**BIG THING #3**





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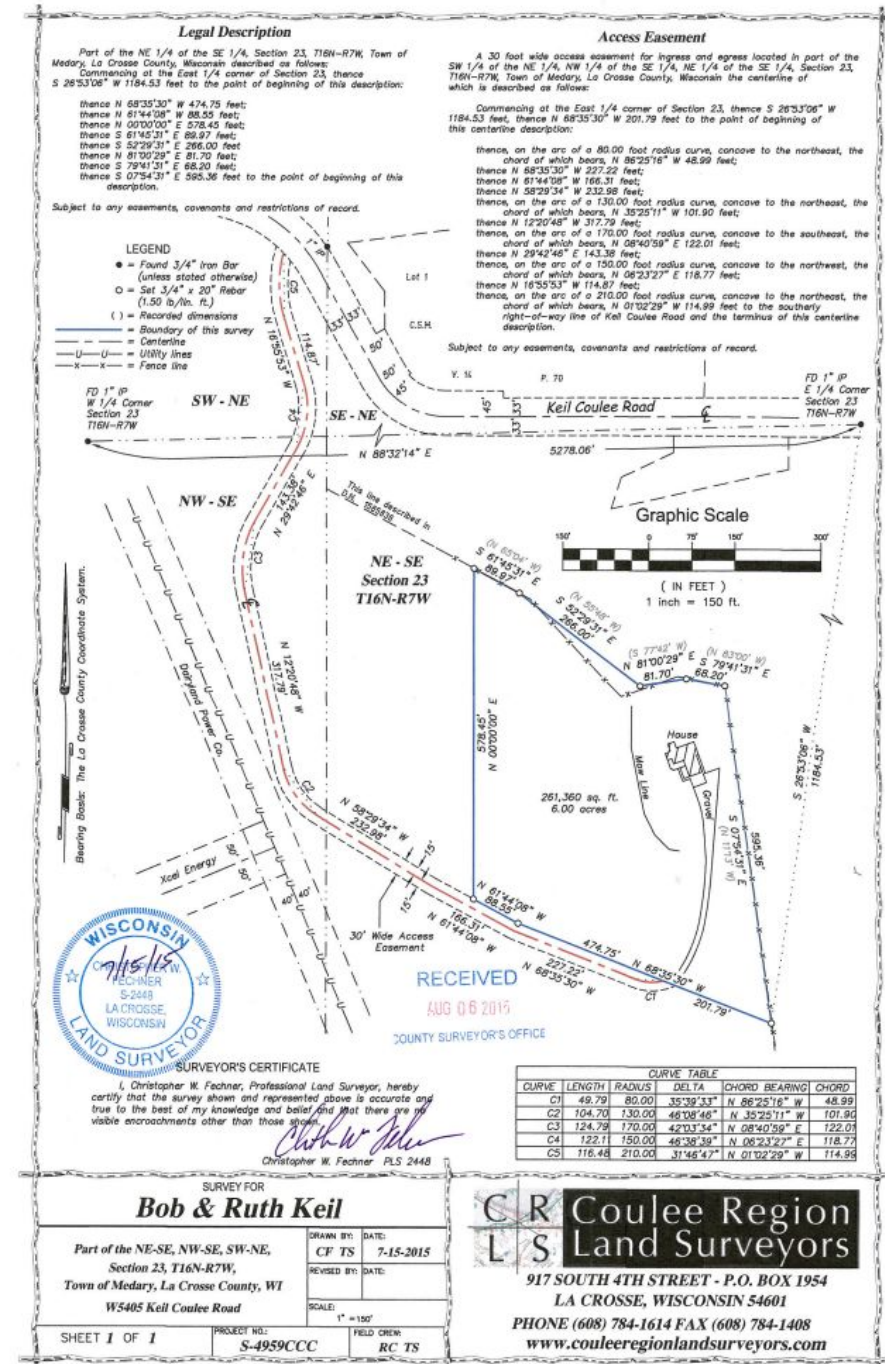
# File survey maps

Other surveys that take place.

Land surveyors have 60 days from completion of the survey to file a copy of the map in the County Surveyor's office.

File a hard copy in our files and make digital images available online.

BIG THING #3

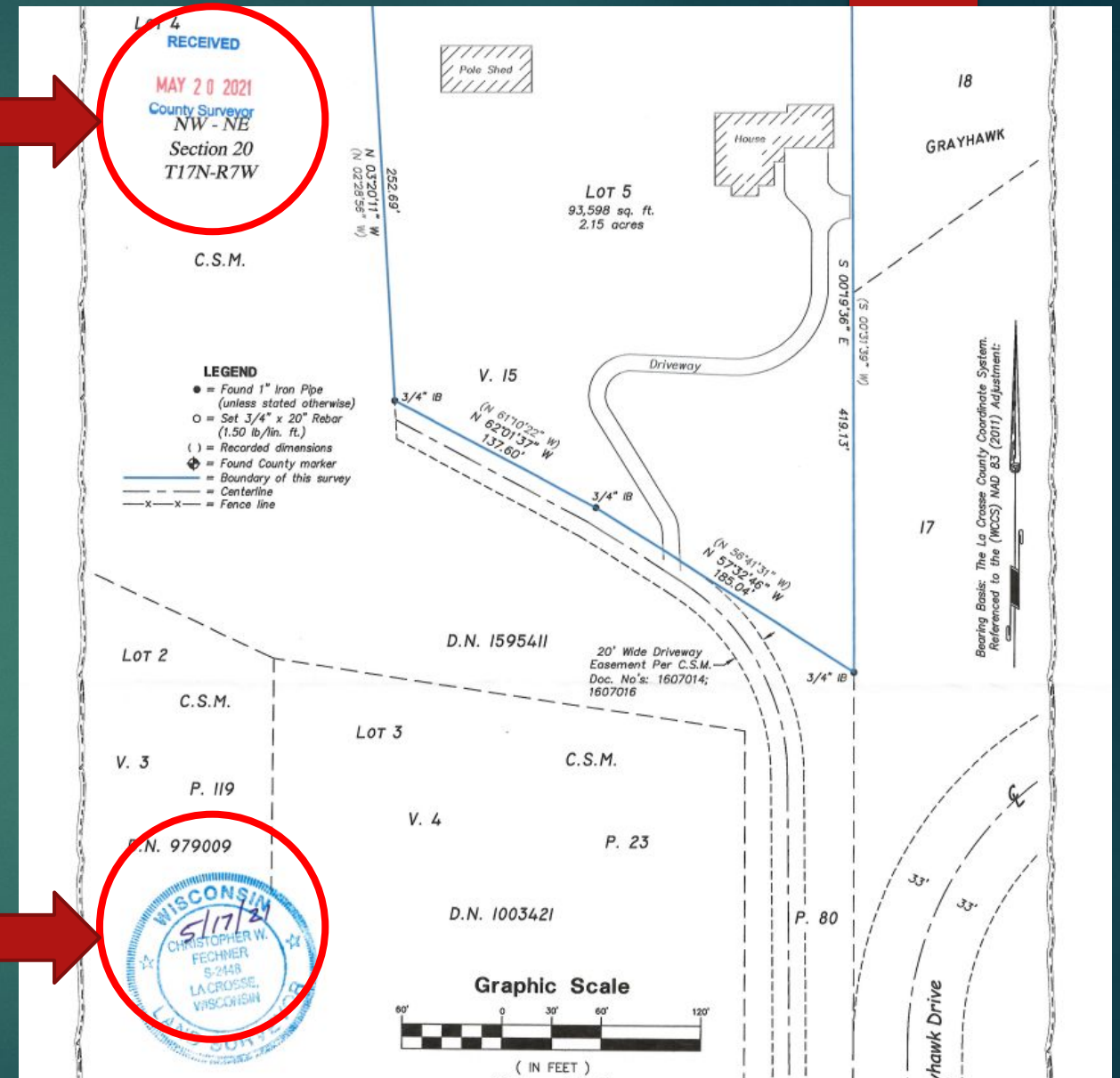


Date of filing: May 21, 2021

# Plat of Survey Map

Date of completion: May 17, 2021

**BIG THING #3**





WISCONSIN  
5/17/21  
CHRISTOPHER W. FECHNER  
S-2448  
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN  
LAND SURVEYOR

D.N. 1003421

Graphic Scale  
60' 0 30' 60' 120'  
( IN FEET )  
1 inch = 60 ft.

**SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE**  
I, Christopher W. Fechner, Professional Land Surveyor, hereby certify that the survey shown and represented above is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that there are no visible encroachments other than those shown.

*Christopher W. Fechner*  
Christopher W. Fechner PLS 2448

**SURVEY FOR**  
**Todd & Christine Olson**

Lot 5, C.S.M., V. 15, P. 80, D.N. 1595411;  
Located in the NW-NE, Section 20, T17N-R7W;  
Town of Onalaska, La Crosse County, WI  
W6676 Schilling Road  
Subject to all easements, covenants and restrictions of record.

DRAWN BY: CF TS DATE: 5/17/2021  
REVISED BY: DATE:  
SCALE: 1" = 60'

SHEET 1 OF 1 PROJECT NO.: S-6748A FIELD CREW: RC

**Coulee Region Land Surveyors**  
917 SOUTH 4TH STREET - P.O. BOX 1954  
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN 54601  
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Grayhawk Drive  
Schilling Road

O-1394

**Indexed with a  
unique identifying  
number**

**BIG THING #3**



## County Surveyor

The La Crosse County Surveyor is responsible for carrying out the requirements of the County Surveyor's office as specified in Chapter 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes and the [La Crosse County Subdivision Control Ordinance \(Chapter 18\)](#).



### Surveyor Department

212 6th Street North  
Room 1300  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
608.785.9626



### Bryan Meyer

County Surveyor  
[bmeyer@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:bmeyer@lacrossecounty.org)



### Dale Hewitt

Assistant County Surveyor  
[dhewitt@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:dhewitt@lacrossecounty.org)

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR:

- Reestablish and maintain the Corners of the Public Lands Survey (PLSS)
- Review survey maps for compliance with State Statutes & Local Ordinances
- Index and maintain copies of all surveys in the county
- Perform survey work for other government agencies
- Assist the public with land surveying and land ownership questions

Those responsibilities include preserving the corners of the Public Land Survey System, which is the basis for all legal descriptions in the County. The County Surveyor is responsible for the remonumentation, maintenance, and protection of the 1405 PLSS corners within the 481 square miles of La Crosse County and to execute all surveys that are required by the county or by a court.

### FAQs

- **Can the County Surveyor find my lot lines?** The County Surveyor does not perform survey work for private parties. He only does field work for County projects. A list of private land surveyors is available [here](#).
- **Doesn't every lot have to be surveyed?** The vast majority of parcels in La Crosse County were created by written legal description and not by a field survey. Therefore it is likely that there are no physical markers in the ground to show lot corners. Surveys are now required for certain new land divisions as determined by municipal or county rules/ordinances. A bank may also require that a survey be performed.
- **What marks the corners of my lot?** If your parcel has indeed been surveyed (see above), it is likely that the lot corners are marked with an iron bar or iron pipe. However, many other different objects have been used as monuments. The legend on your survey map should indicate the type of monument set. Most often the monuments were set below the surface to help avoid disturbance.



## MAPS

T17N R7W



T17N R7W S

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**T17N R7W**

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**#4**

## **Work for other County Departments**

**Highway Department  
Facilities**

**Economic Development  
Corp Counsel**

**Register of Deeds  
Land Information**

**Department  
Zoning Department  
Land Conservation  
Department  
Clerk**

**Treasurer**

**PLAT OF SURVEY**

PART OF THE NE¼-SW¼ AND THE SE¼-SW¼ OF SECTION 31, T 18 N,  
R 5 W, TOWN OF FARMINGTON, LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

**LA CROSSE COUNTY**

**OUTLOT 1**

0.04 ACRES  
1,731 SQ. FT.

**BASIS OF BEARINGS**

BEARINGS REFERENCED TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SEC. 31, T 18 N, R 5 W, BEARING S 89° 07' 12" E FOR THE LA CROSSE COUNTY COORDINATE SYSTEM NAD83[1991]

**LEGEND**

- T- UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE
- PO- OVERHEAD UTILITIES
- ¼" X 18" IRON BAR WEIGHING 1.50 LBS./LINEAL FT SET
- ⊙ GOVERNMENT CORNER AS NOTED

**NOTES**

1. THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY DE WAS CALCULATED TO MATCH THE HOFMEISTER SURVEY RECORDED IN VOL 2, CSM PAGE 11, LA CROSSE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS.
2. THIS IS A NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR TRANSACTION AND A CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP IS NOT REQUIRED PER WIS STATS 236.45.
3. THE TRAVELED CENTERLINE VARIES FROM THE ACTUAL CENTERLINE AS SHOWN IN RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN 47H, FOUND IN THE LA CROSSE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

**SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I, BRYAN H. MEYER, BEING A DULY QUALIFIED SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BY THE ORDER AND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LA CROSSE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER JOE LANGEBERG, I HAVE SURVEYED AND MAPPED THE PARCEL SHOWN ON THIS MAP AND THAT THE WITHIN MAP IS A TRUE AND CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE LANDS SURVEYED AND THAT I HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF A-E 7 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

*Bryan H. Meyer* 11/15/2022  
BRYAN H. MEYER, S1712 DATE

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NE¼-SW¼ AND THE SE¼-SW¼, SECTION 31, T 18 N, R 5 W, TOWN OF FARMINGTON, LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SE CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;  
THENCE N 63°42'46" W, A DISTANCE OF 2935.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE N 87°21'29" W, A DISTANCE OF 8.77 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY DE;  
THENCE N15°42'15" W, ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 135.18 FEET;  
THENCE N 76°37'19" E, A DISTANCE OF 17.00 FEET;  
THENCE S 12° 05' 34" E, A DISTANCE OF 137.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

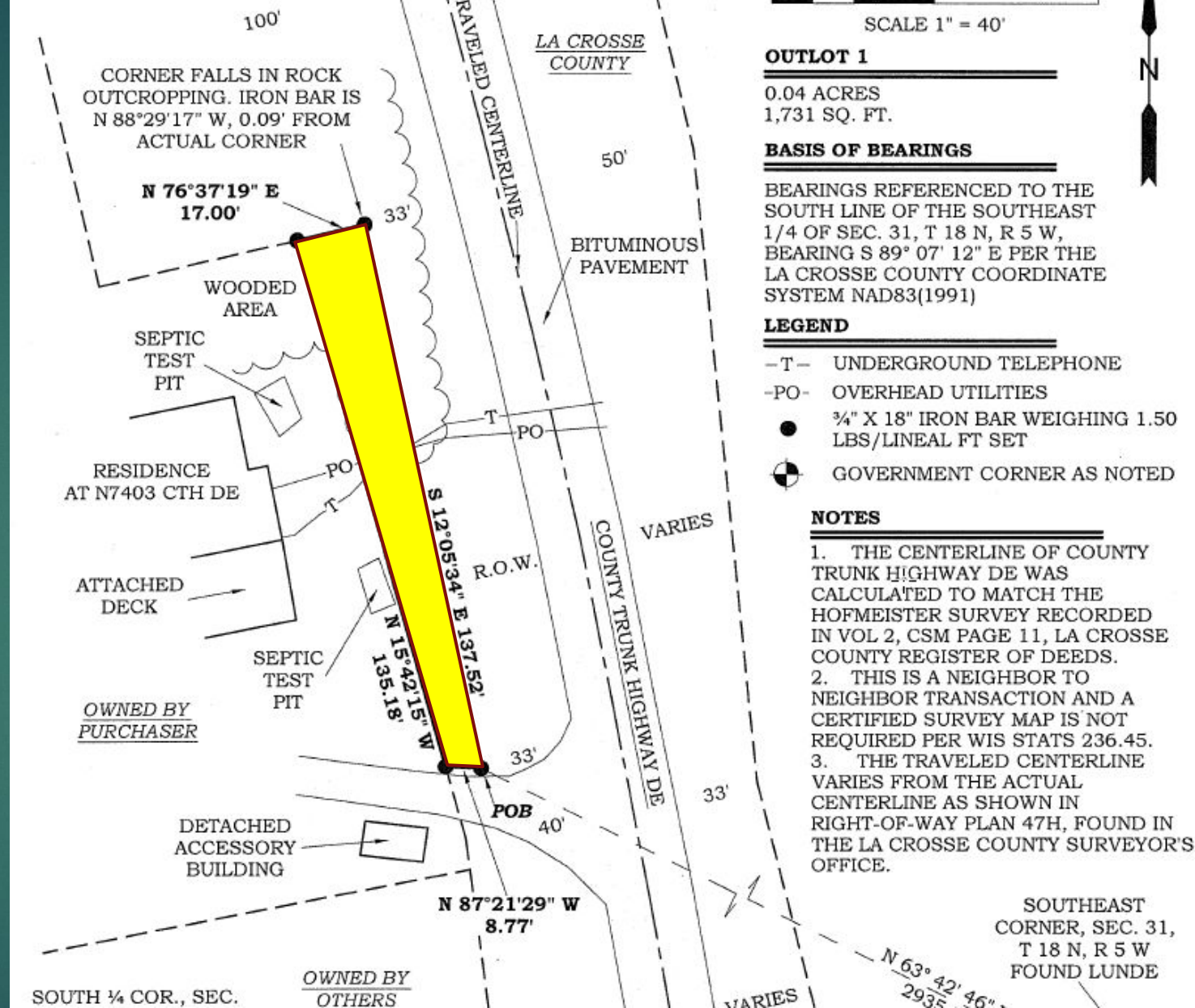
SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 0.04 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS AND IS SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.

**LA CROSSE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE**  
212 6TH STREET NORTH, ROOM 1200  
LA CROSSE, WI 54601  
608-785-9626

**SURVEY FOR:**  
LA CROSSE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
301 CARLSON ROAD  
WEST SALEM, WI 54669

**DRAWN: DEH**  
**CHECKED: BHM**

**SHEET 1 OF 1**



## Excess Right-of-way for the Highway Department





**RESOLUTION #** 37-12/22

**TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**ITEM #** 12-27

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted: ☒  
For: 26  
Against: 3  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 4  
Vote Req: 1  
Other Action: -

**PUBLIC WORKS &  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
COMMITTEE  
ACTION**

Adopted: ☒  
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 0

**RE: SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY ON CTH DE TO JACOB BEESKAU**

**WHEREAS,** La Crosse County is the owner of a parcel property that was previously obtained for highway right of way; and

**WHEREAS,** this property abuts CTH DE but is excess right of way that the County Highway Commissioner has determined is not needed for highway right of way;

**WHEREAS,** the property owner, Jacob Beeskau has expressed an interest in purchasing the approximately .04 acre property more specifically described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NE¼-SW¼ AND THE SE¼-SW¼, SECTION 31, T 18 N,  
R 5 W, TOWN OF FARMINGTON, LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD; and

**WHEREAS,** the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee has previously determined that it is in the public interest to sell excess right of way using the rate at which the County most recently acquired property for right-of-way acquisitions. (\$9,027/acre);

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve the sale of the .04 acre parcel to Jacob Beeskau for \$361.08;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Board Chair is authorized to sign any and all documents including deeds to complete the sale of such parcel after approval by Corporation Counsel.



***“Hey Bryan, do you have another example of the County Surveyor working with another County Department?”***



**LA CROSSE  
COUNTY**

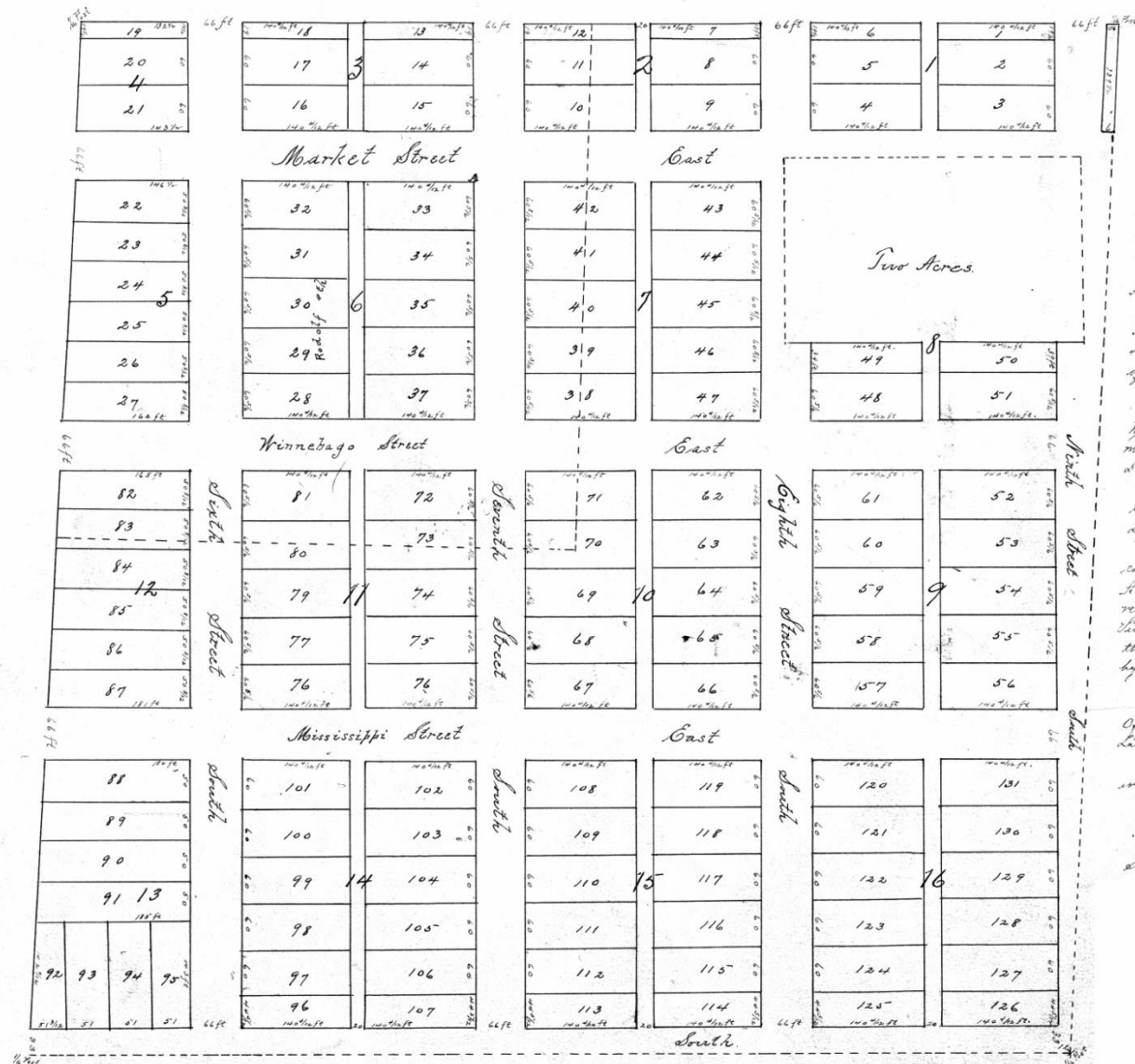
LA CROSSE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS



# LORD & RODOLF'S ADDITION

TO THE VILLAGE OF LA CROSSE

1855



November 10th A.D. 1855  
In Green County, Wisconsin I hereby certify that I did survey the above entitled Plat Addition to La Crosse, the same being the North East quarter of the South East quarter of Section No. 1, Township No. 33 North Range No. 7 East of the 1st principal Meridian and the portion that is shown copy of the work as done by me.

True and correct  
J. Walker  
Treasurer  
The stone from whence future surveys are to be made is placed at the corner of Block 5 marked A.  
Plats and lots are given at one 8' 10' East

State of Wisconsin  
In Green County, Wis. Be it remembered that on this 10th day of July A.D. 1855 personally came before me Cyrus T. Lord, Rodolf Rodolf, Mayor of La Crosse and Edwin Smith and acknowledged the foregoing and Platting of Lord and Rodolf Addition to the Village of La Crosse and the offering for Record of the same to be their free act for the purpose as prescribed by law.

John A. Walker  
Notary Public for Wisconsin  
Office of Register of Deeds  
La Crosse County, Wis.  
I certify that this Plat with the certificate herein written was recorded in this office July 7th 1855 at 5 o'clock P.M.

John A. Walker  
Register

Scale 100 feet to an inch

131 Lot subdivision



November 10<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1855  
La Crosse County, Wisconsin } I hereby certify that I did  
survey the above entitled Plat  
Addition to La Crosse, the same being the North West quarter  
of the South West quarter of Section No. Five of  
Township No. Fifteen North of Range No. 7 West of the  
4<sup>th</sup> principal Meridian and the within Plat is a true copy  
of the work as done by me.

Wm. Hood

Surveyor

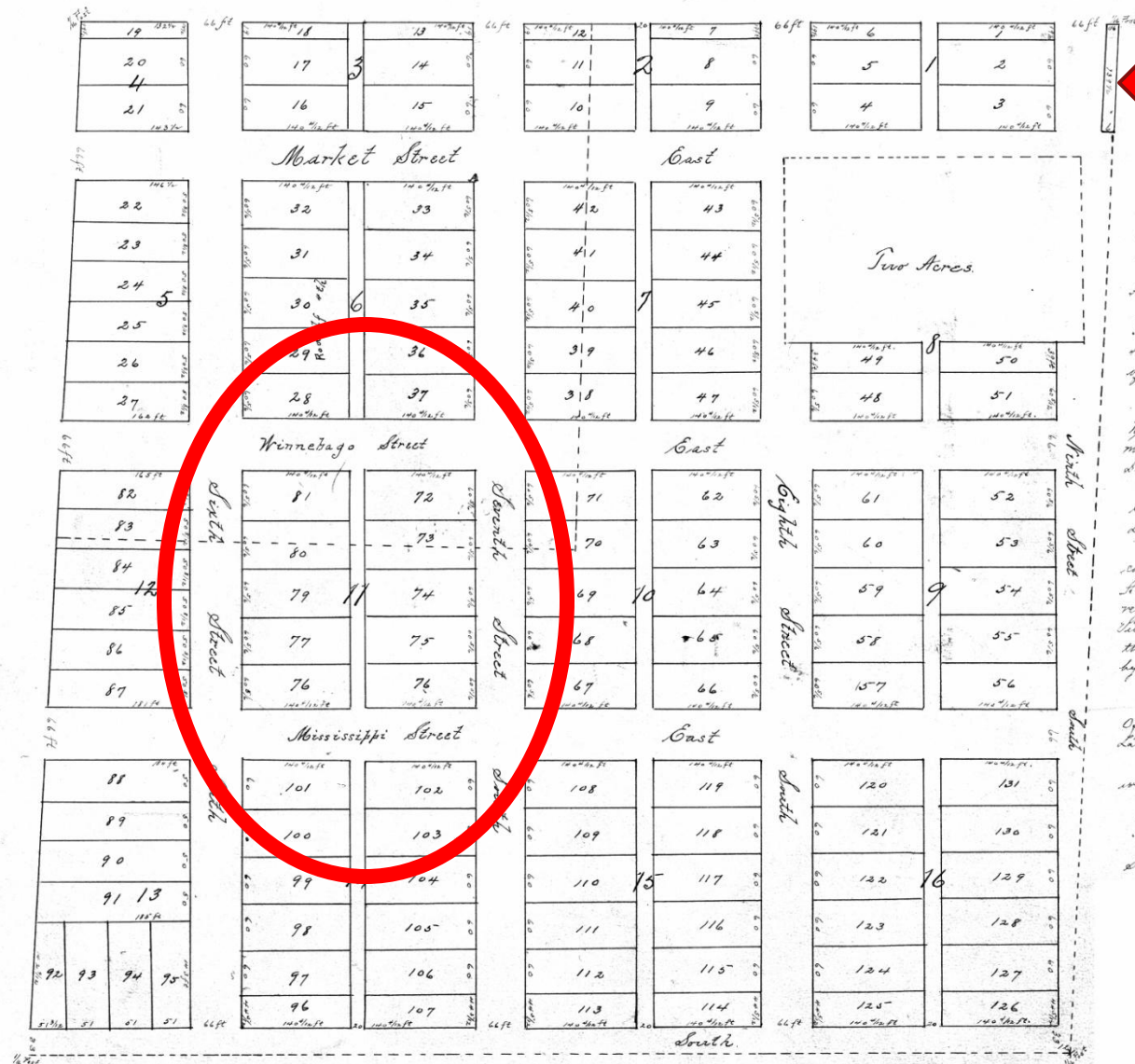
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La Crosse County, Wisconsin**

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True and

James H. Walker, the person from whose future survey are to be made is placed at the corner of Block 6 marked A. A. and B. are given at one 8' 10' East.

State of Wisconsin  
 In Green County, ss. Be it remembered that on the 10th day of July A.D. 1855 personally came before me Cyrus T. Lord, Register of Deeds, John A. Rodolf and Edwin Smith and acknowledged the foregoing and Petition of Lord and Rodolf Addition to the Village of La Crosse and the offering for Record of the same to be their free act for the purpose as prescribed by law.

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 Notary Public for Wisconsin

Office of Register of Deeds  
 La Crosse County, Wis. I certify that this Plat with the certificate herein written was recorded in this office July 27th 1855 at 5 o'clock P.M.

John A. Walker  
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Scale 100 feet to an inch

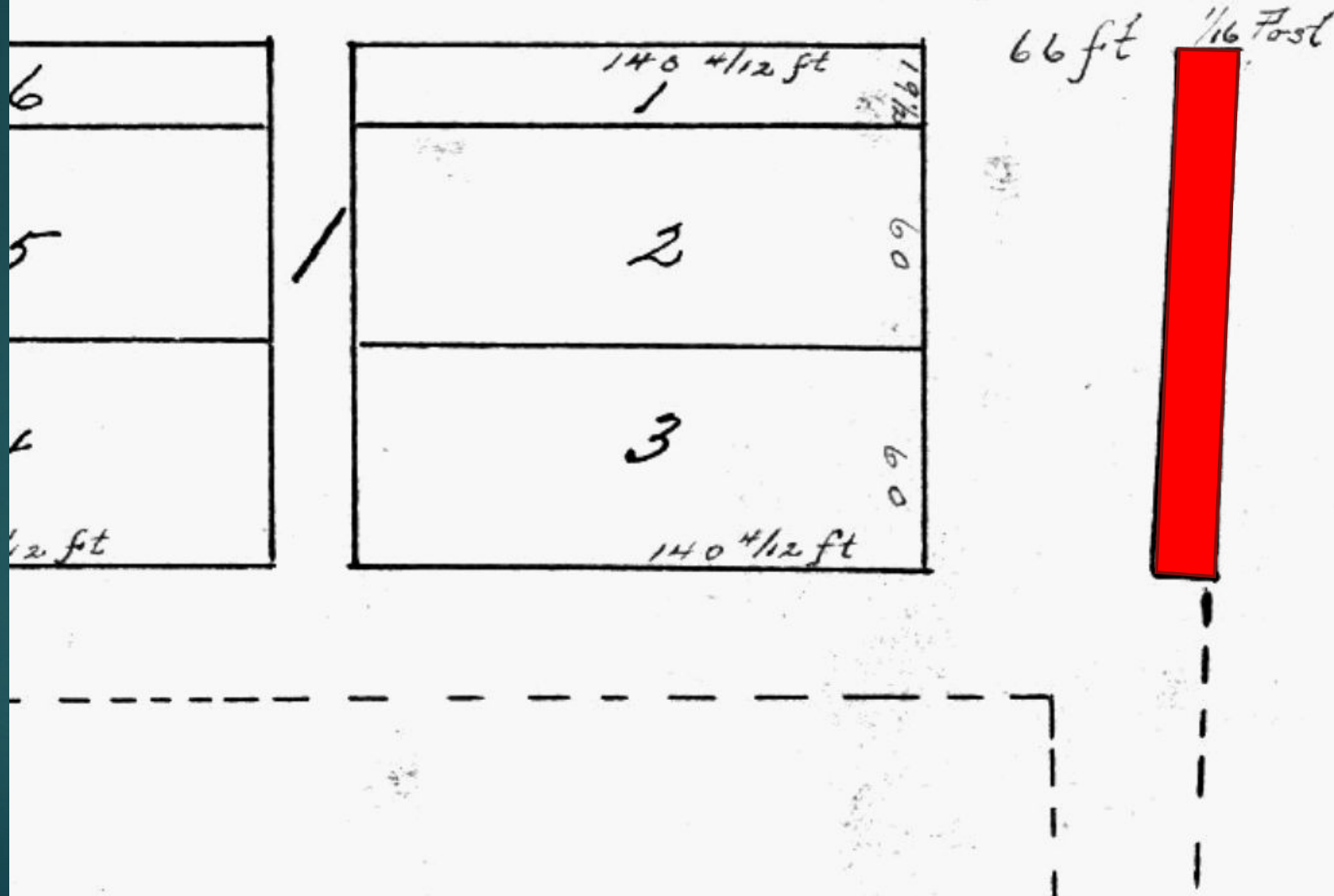




There is a problem  
with the Lot numbering  
in Block 11.



This parcel has no designation. How do we tract it?



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State Bar of Wisconsin Form 00-2011  
**CORRECTION INSTRUMENT**

Under Wis. Stat. § 706.085

Document Number

Document Name

**Undersigned** hereby states that a certain document (“conveyance”) titled as \_\_\_\_\_ (type of document), and executed between \_\_\_\_\_, Grantor, and \_\_\_\_\_, Grantee, was recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Wisconsin, on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, in volume \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_, as document number \_\_\_\_\_, and contained the following error:

Undersigned makes this Correction Instrument for the purpose of correcting the conveyance as follows:

Recording Area

Name and Return Address





# **Working with the Register of Deeds and Corporation Counsel....**

# AFFIDAVIT OF CORRECTION

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- 3) That said plat shows an obvious error in the numbering sequence of the lots within Block 11 (see Figure 1).
- 4) That the lot located in the Southwest corner of said Block 11 is incorrectly labeled "76".
- 5) That the lot located in the Southwest corner of said Block 11 should be corrected to be labeled "77".
- 6) That the lot immediately North of the lot in the Southwest corner of said Block 11 is incorrectly labeled "77".
- 7) That the Lot immediately North of the lot in the Southwest corner of said Block 11 should be corrected to be labeled "78".
- 8) That the small parcel in the Northeast corner of said plat (see Figure 2) depicted on the plat as being bounded on the North and East sides by the North and East lines of the NW¼-SW¼ of Section 5, T15N, R7W, bounded on the West by the East line of Ninth Street South and on the South by the North Line of Market Street East, has no lot number label.
- 9) That said small parcel should have a lot number label of 132.
- 10) That I make this affidavit for the purpose of correcting these inconsistencies and these inconsistencies only.

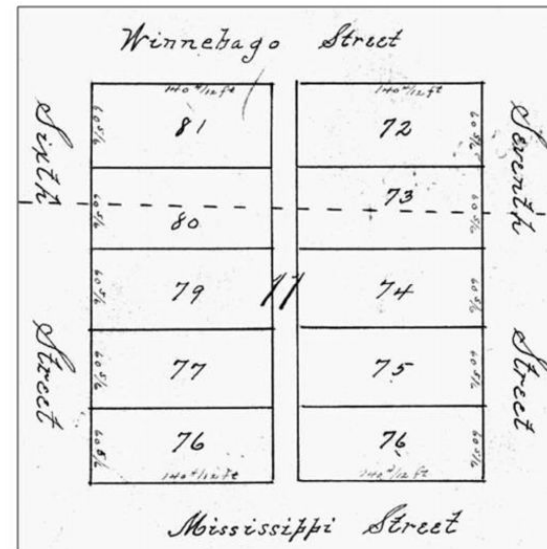


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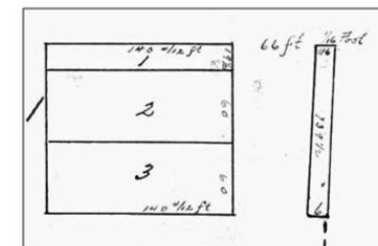



Figure 2

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- 10) That I make this affidavit for the purpose of correcting these inconsistencies and these inconsistencies only.

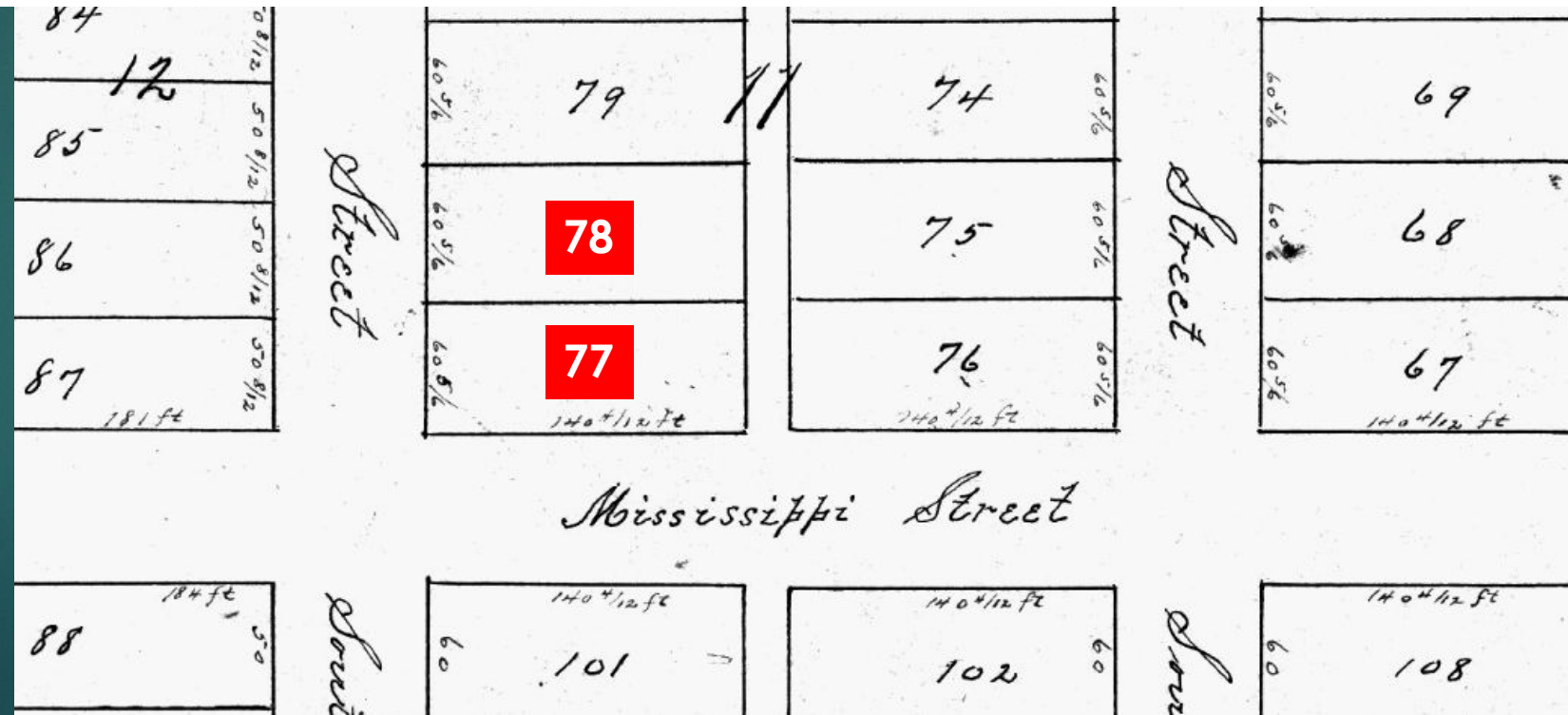


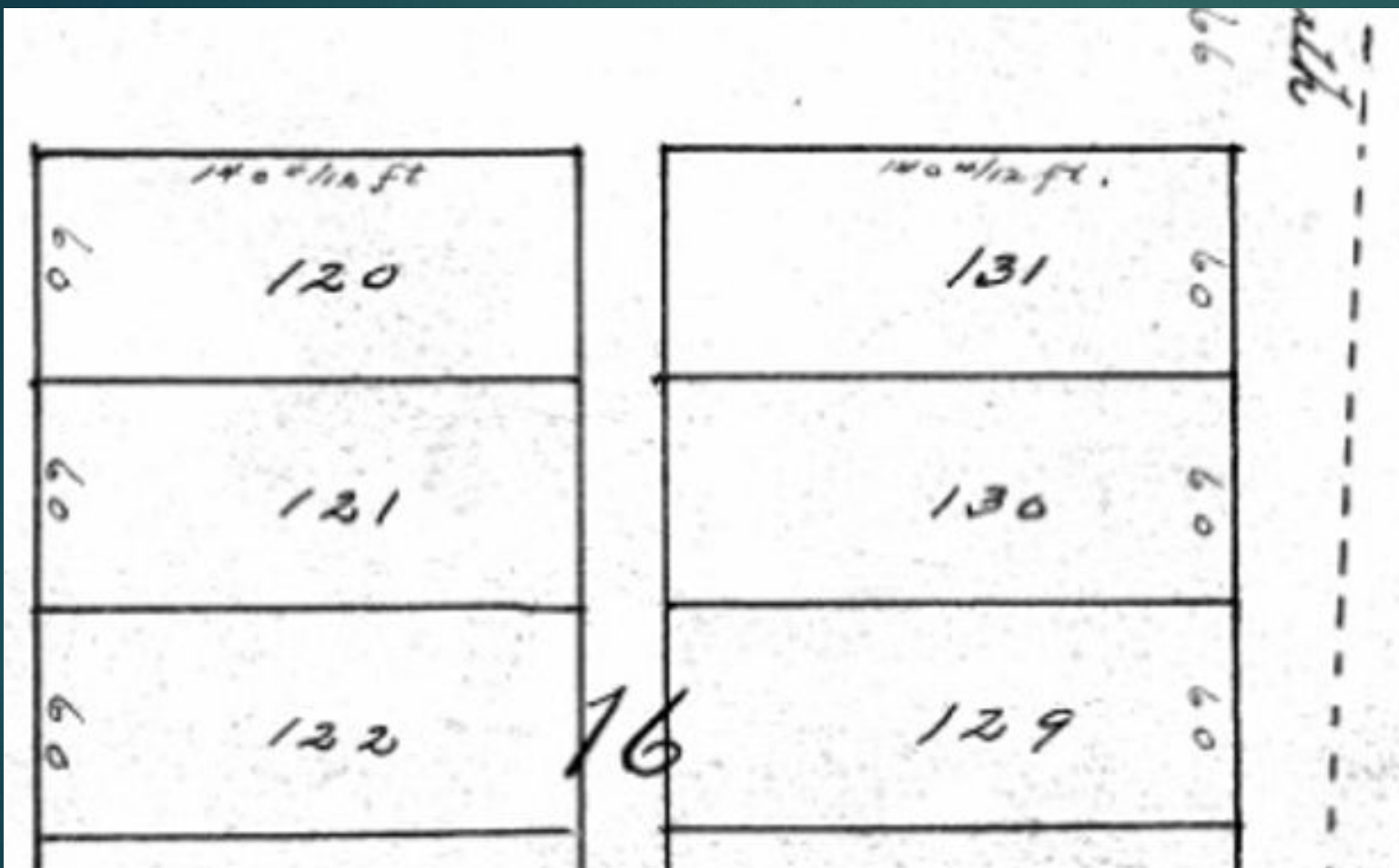


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The highest numbered lot on the plat is 131

Next available number on the plat was 132



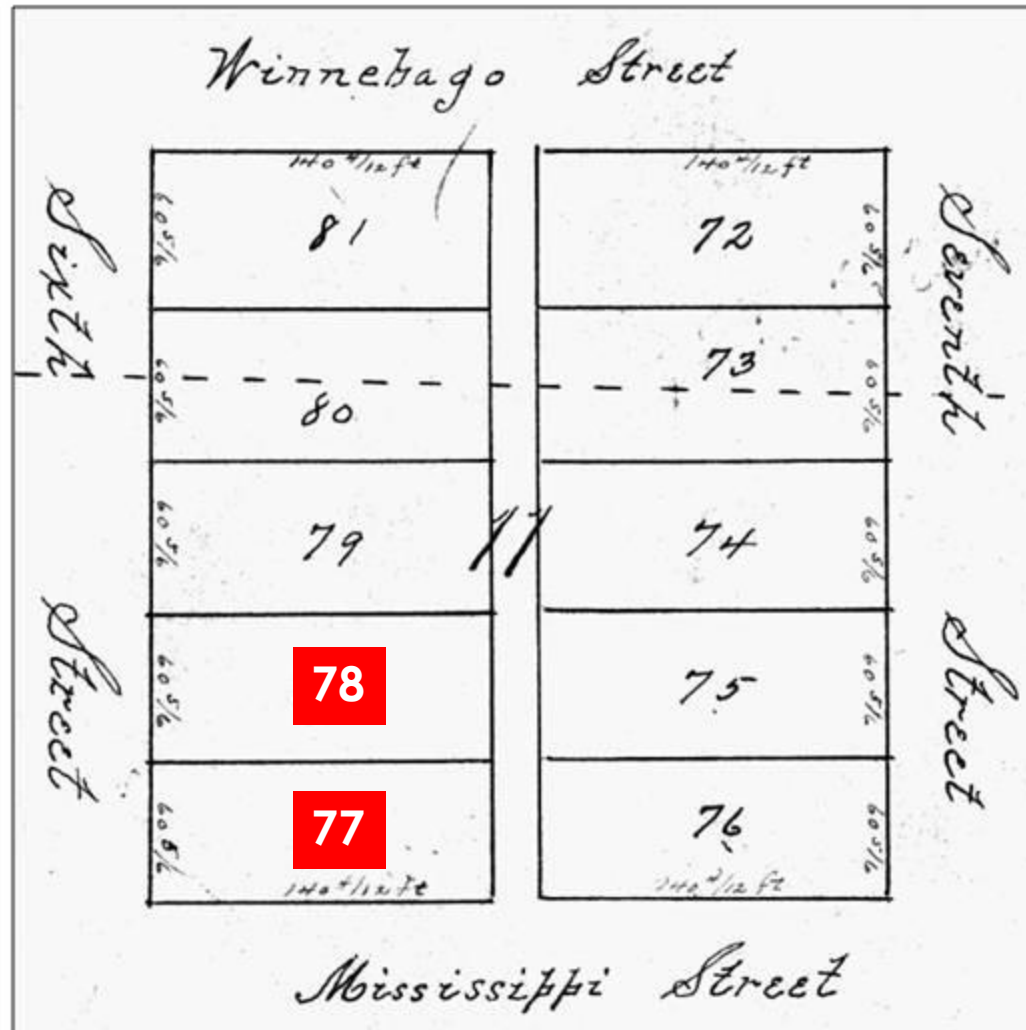


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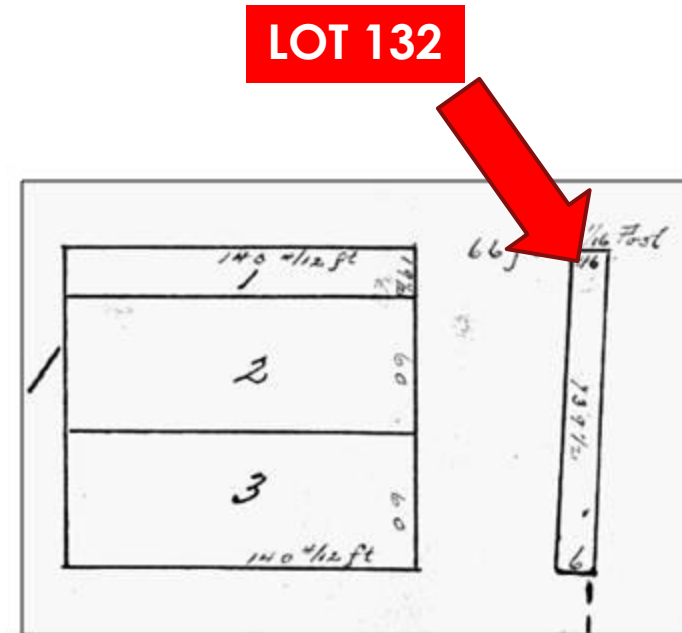


Figure 2



**Filed the signed document in  
the Register of Deeds Office**

# #5

## Questions related to land surveying and land ownership issues:

- ❑ Where is my property line?
- ❑ Isn't the fence the property line?
- ❑ Isn't the power pole/utility box at the corner?
- ❑ Why wasn't my property surveyed?
- ❑ Can you survey my property?
- ❑ What is adverse possession?
- ❑ Can I get coordinates for my property corners?
- ❑ If my property was surveyed, can I get a copy of the map?
- ❑ What's the difference between a CSM and a Plat of survey?





## Primary focus # 5

### Assist with lots of questions!



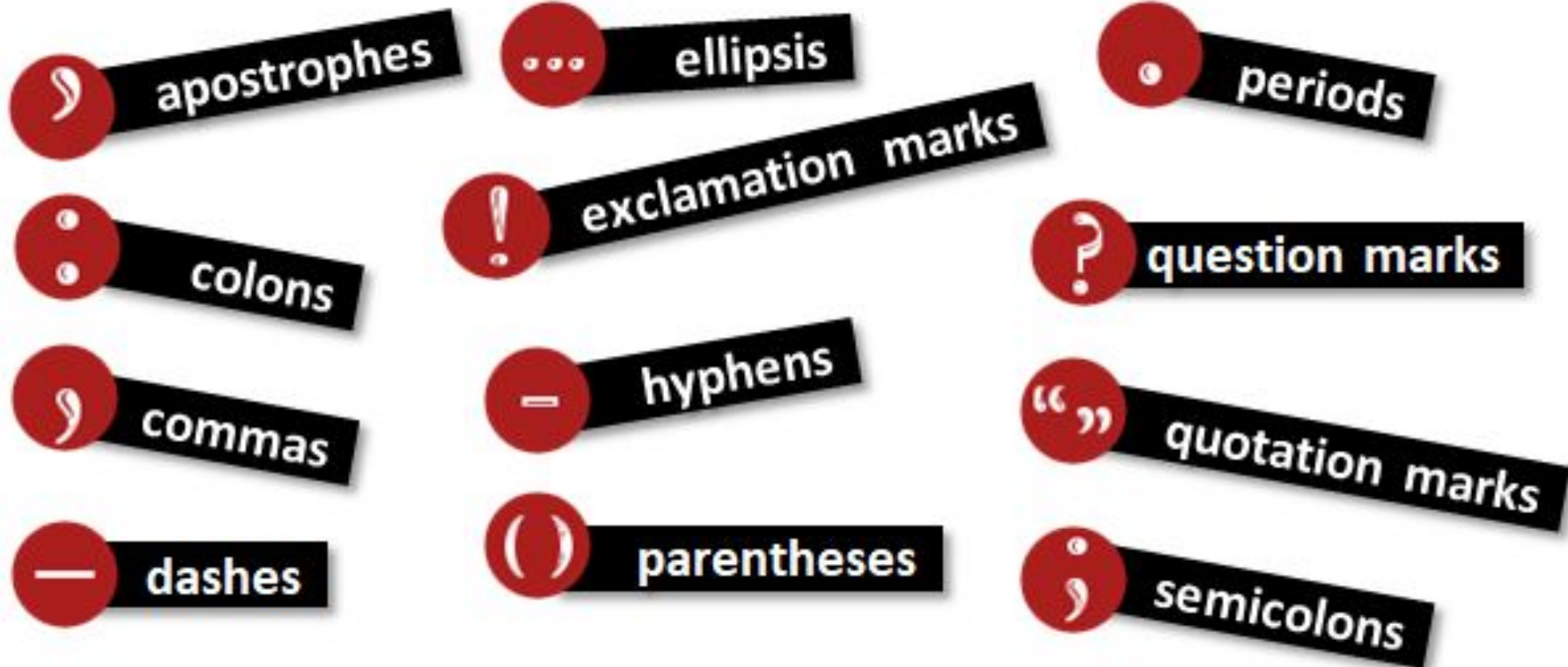
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- Zoning



**From the public and other  
County Departments**

# How a missing semicolon can create a title problem.

## Punctuation





## Working with the Real Property Lister

The South one-half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2 of SW1/4);

The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW1/4 of SE1/4);

The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE1/4 of SW1/4);

The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW1/4 of NE1/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE1/4 of NE1/4) lying West of the Town Road,

All in Section Thirty-five (35), Township Seventeen (17) North, Range One (1) East, Monroe County, Wisconsin.

The Fractional North One-half of the Southwest Quarter (Fr. N1/2 of SW1/4);

The Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4 of SW1/4);

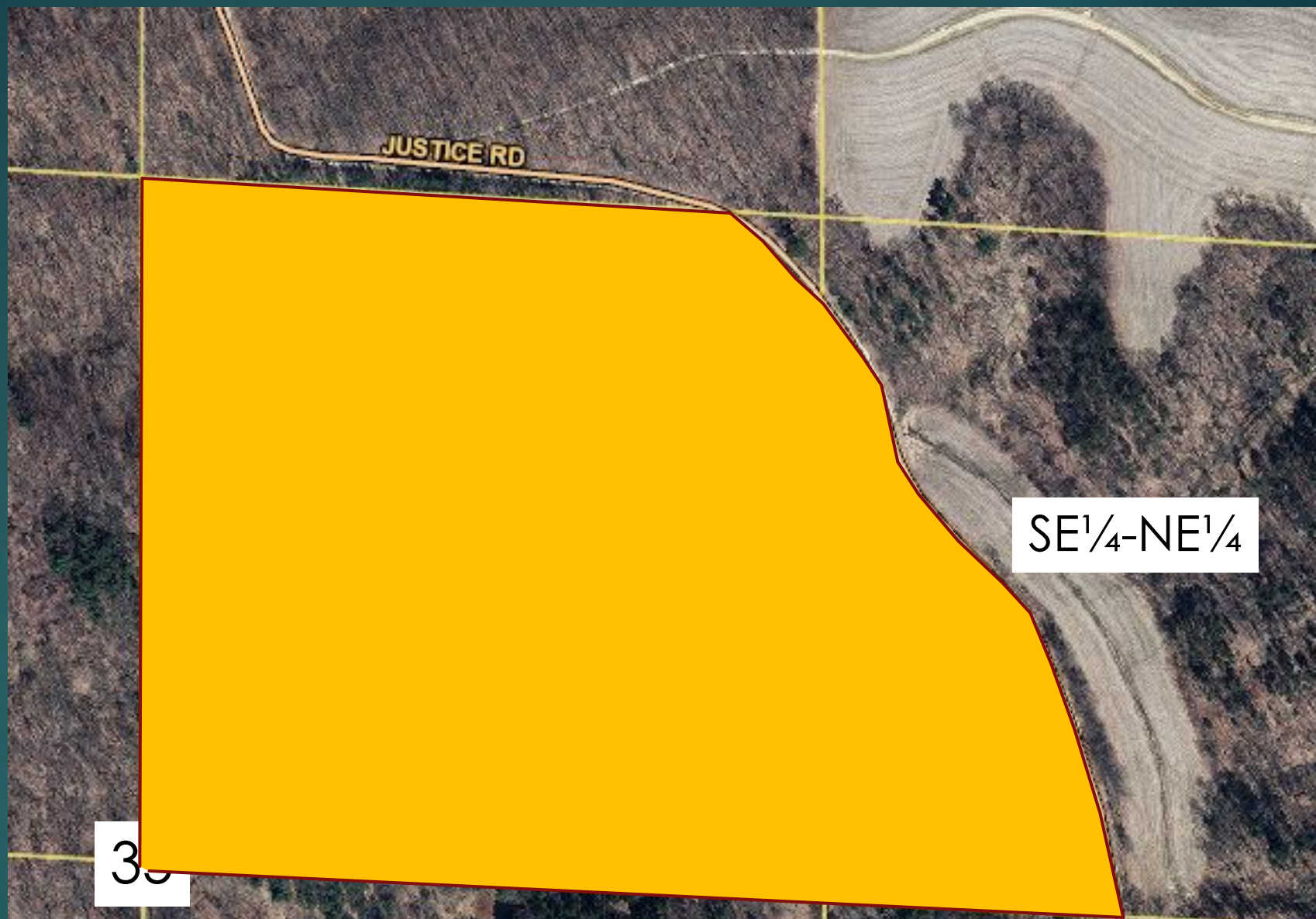
All in Section Two (2), Township Sixteen (16) North, Range One (1) East, Monroe County, Wisconsin.






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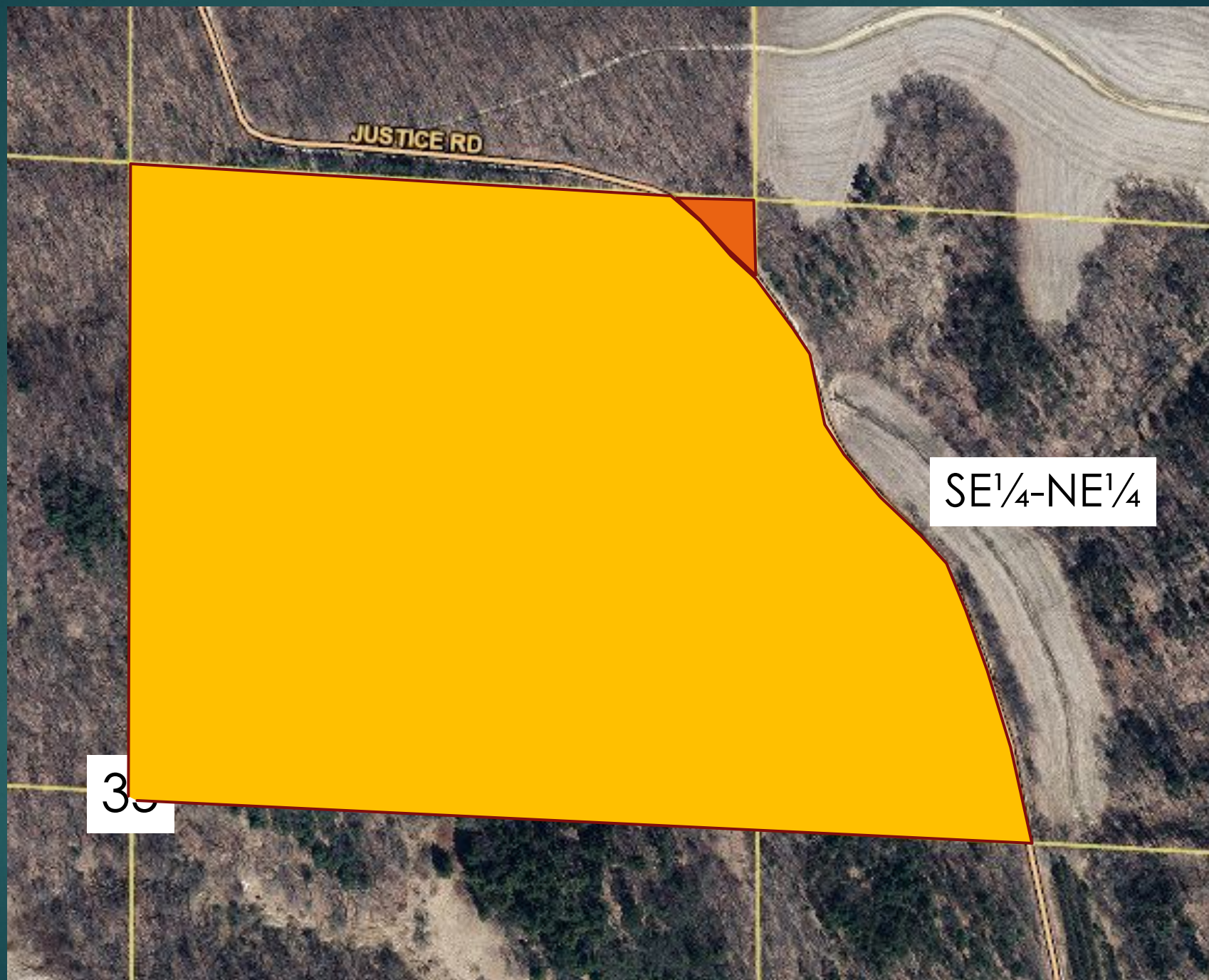




According to previous deeds and mapping the “lying West of the Town Road” in the highlighted section should only apply to the SE-NE (parcels 030-00882-0000 & 030-00884-0000).

In previous deeds the two quarter quarters were separated with a semicolon (and nothing was on separate lines).

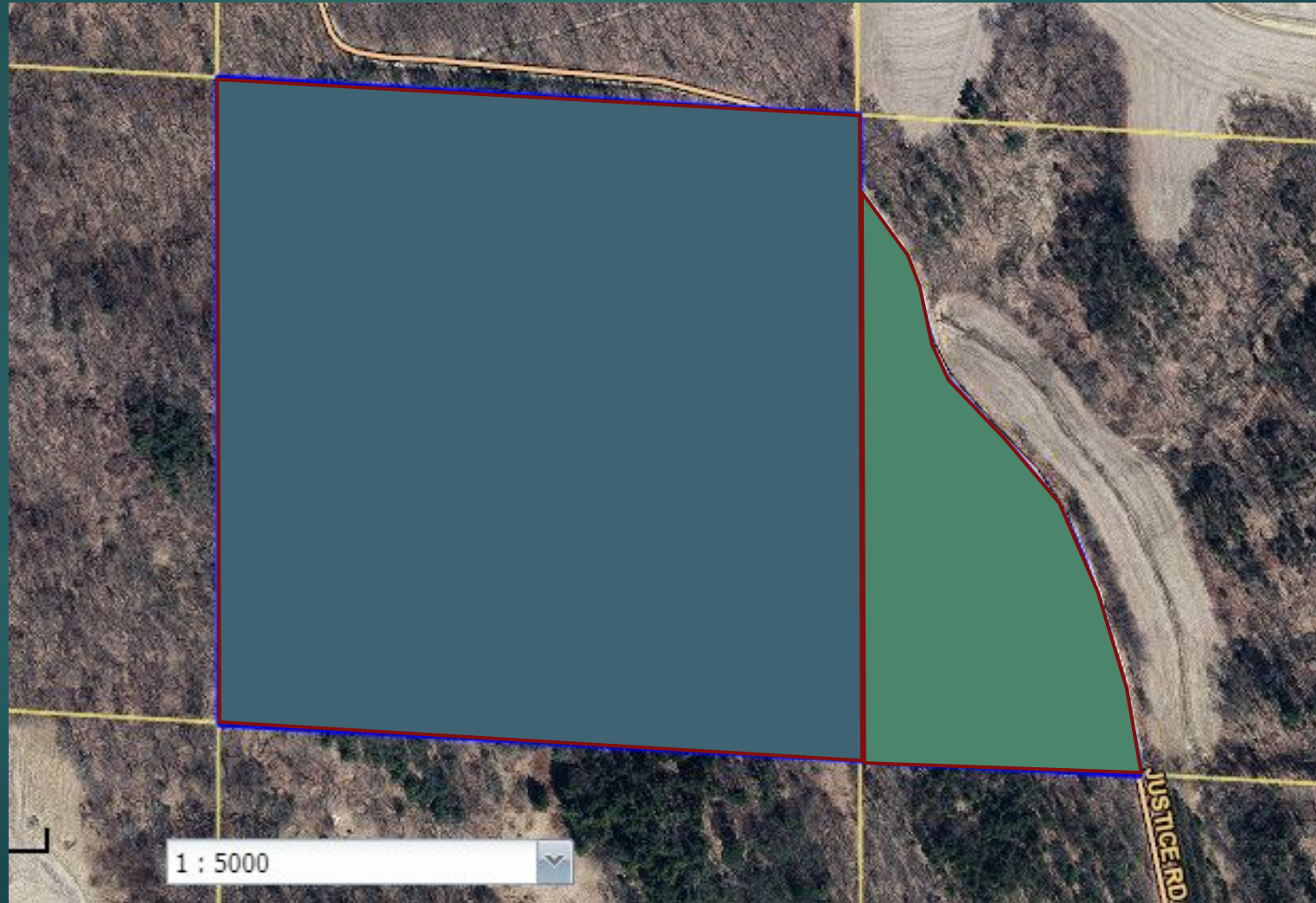
I thought this was a good example of formatting and punctuation making a big difference in a description.





A better way to have said this is with punctuation:

The SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lying West of the Town Road.





SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

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JUSTICE RD





***“Hey Bryan, do you have  
a favorite PLSS corner?”***



Did you know?







*“So, how did  
this corner get  
to be your  
favorite?”*









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**Asked the kindly gentleman at the  
Information Desk about the PLSS corner**

**Due to the Act 10 Protests**

**“Restricted area.”**

**“Employee lunch Room”**





Wisconsin State Capitol Police

**Officer Tammy Johnson - Capitol Police**





***“I am about to go on my lunch break. I  
can get you in to see that monument”***

***“Follow me.”***

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Lunch Room**

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***“You’re fine. I just had no idea someone could find that kind of joy from a little brass marker in our lunchroom floor!”***

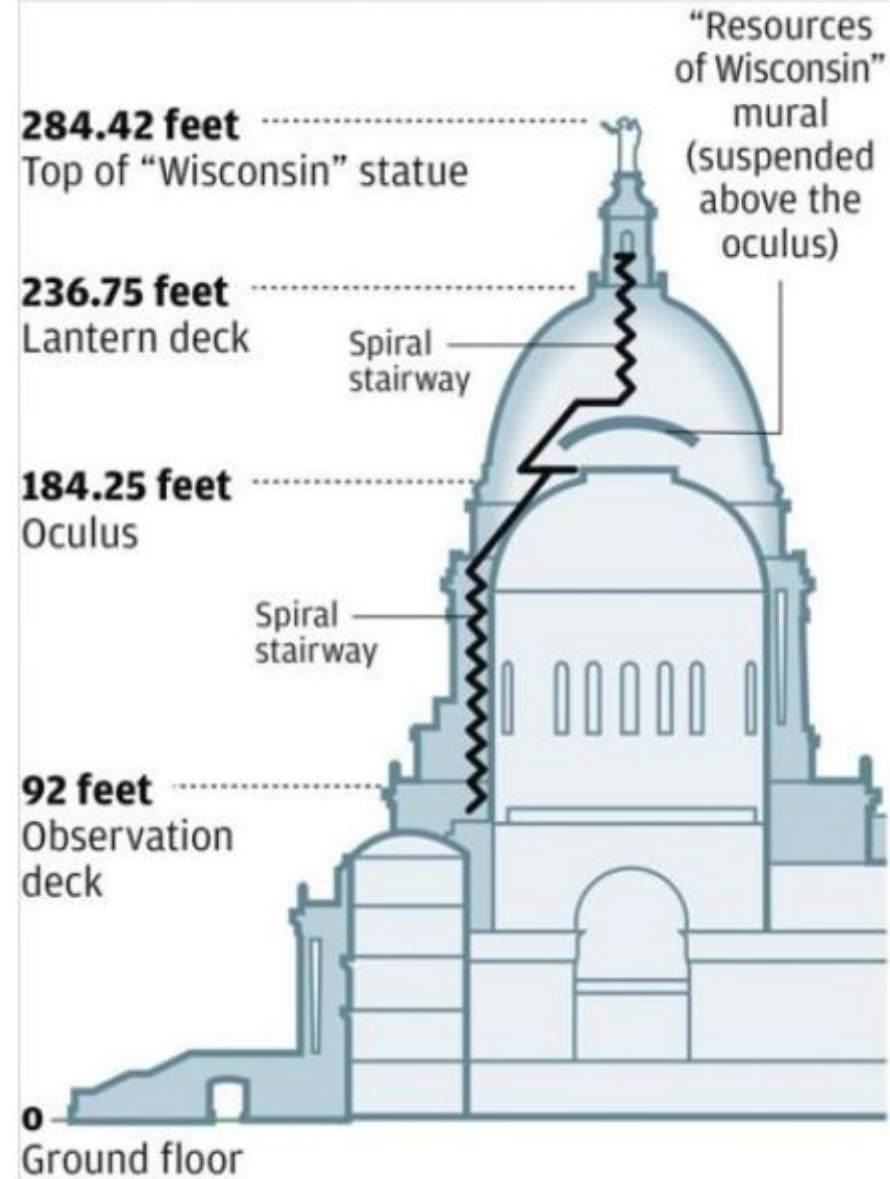
**Officer Tammy Johnson - Capitol Police**



***“You are someone who would really appreciate  
a tour of the top of the Capitol dome”***



**Officer Tammy Johnson - Capitol Police**



SOURCE: Wisconsin State  
Capitol Guide and History


State Journal



You would be here







***“Can’t do it today, but come back  
Sunday and bring a guest or two.”***



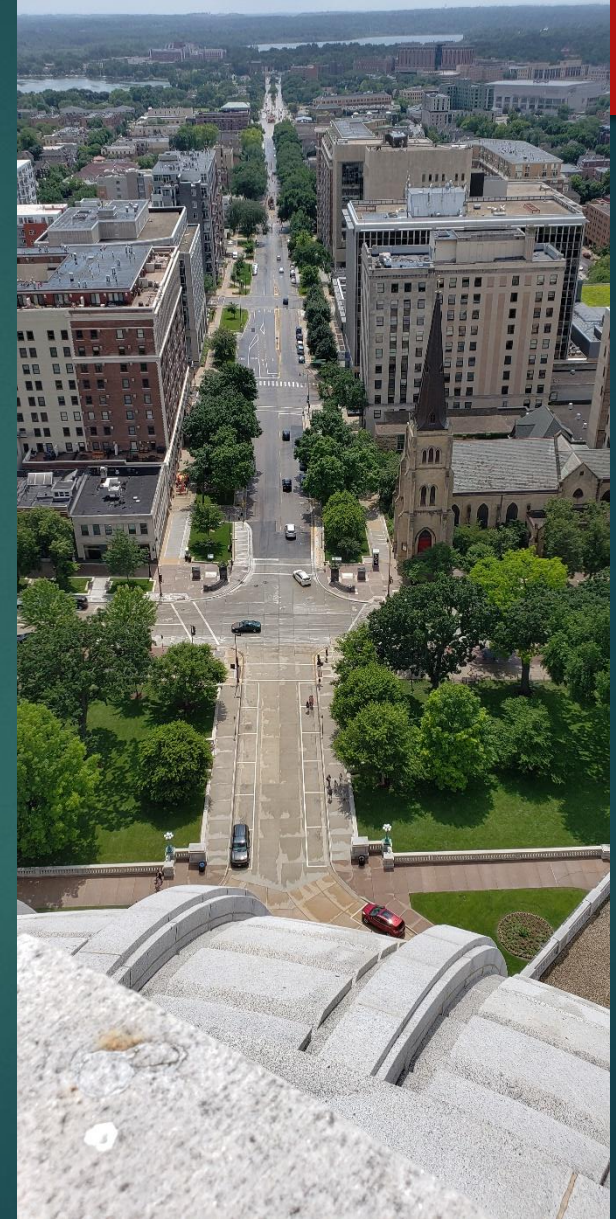














All because  
I'm a PLSS  
geek!





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**One final encouragement.....**





Write a letter.....



January 20,  
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# Cancer

Lymph nodes

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# 2017 JANUARY

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**What about a gift?**



January 20, 2017

Happy 78<sup>th</sup> birthday Mom! Along with your card I wanted to write you a note to tell you how much I love you and how much you mean to me. I am the man I am today due in large part because of you. God built me from the ground up through you. I have a genuine love of music because of you. You filled our house with music when I was growing up and I loved it. My daily life has music in it and that is a direct result of your influence.

Thank you for your smile and for teaching me about the importance of smiling myself. I wear one every day. You have the most genuine smile of anyone I know. I smile just thinking of you smiling. 😊

Thank you for teaching me about how to deal with hardship and struggles. I can remember times when things would get ugly and you would encourage me with the words *"Let it roll off your back like a duck"*. And it works! I still rely on that advice today and I still apply it at times when things get ugly for me.

Thank you for loving me in those times when I was less than lovable. I've heard it said that the two most difficult processes in life are birth; and going from adolescence to adulthood. In the first you squeeze through a small canal into bright lights and people. In the second you go from dealing with scrapes and bruises to broken hearts and a bruised ego. I'm sure I was a pain for you in both instances. Please forgive me for all the times I was less than respectful to you. You deserved way better than what you got from me many times.

Most of all, thank you for being the primary influence in me knowing God and His Son Jesus. I witnessed your faith in how you lived your life. I saw God in you and God's light shone brightly through you, mom. Thanks for being His beacon in this dark world. You are His daughter and you represent Him incredibly well.

Happy birthday, Mom. I love you more than you can ever know or imagine.

Love,

Bryan



# September 2017


59 years of marriage!

KC Hall – Tomah, Wisconsin
















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# JOANNE MEYER

January 20, 1939 - December 4, 2017



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### Obituary for Joanne Meyer

Joanne Meyer, age 78, of Tomah went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 4, 2017. She was born on January 20, 1939 to Harold and Gladys (Wallace) Cox, the third of 10 children. She grew up on the ridge, South of Tomah and attended Hillcrest grade school. She graduated from Wilton High School in 1956. On September 20, 1958, she married the love of her life, Harold (Harry) Meyer. God blessed this marriage with five children.

Joanne's early years were spent in rural Wilton and then rural Tomah, where her parents and nine siblings worked as dairy farmers. Every member of the family contributed to the operation of the farm. One of Joanne's primary roles was feeding the chickens and then gathering the eggs. Joanne described her childhood as fun! Rather than being in the house, Joanne preferred spending much of her time with her father as he performed various tasks around the farm. She admired her parents immensely for never fighting and always talking things through. In spite of growing up during the depression and World War II, Joanne said she never felt deprived or fearful.

Her life changed forever on the evening of February 9, 1957 when she went to a wedding dance for a good friend. There, she had a conversation with the man that would be the love of her life, Harry Meyer. At the end of the conversation, the normally reserved Joanne worked up the nerve to say, "Why don't you come up and see me sometime." The bold statement was the spark that started a romance with Harry. The two dated and knew they had something special. They were married on September 20, 1958 at an evening service at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ridgeville.

Joanne reveled in being a housewife and mother, providing her husband and children with a safe, clean comfortable home. Joanne put to work the lessons she had learned growing up and was eager to employ



**I WONDERED  
IF THE LETTER  
HAD AN  
IMPACT....**





**After mom passed, I  
found the letter framed  
and standing on her dresser**

**Dad said she looked  
at it every day**

Knowing that makes me  
very happy!







Take the time to write a letter  
to the important people in your  
life while you can.





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# Questions?

