

Why Choose a Member of the WSLS?

- Members of the WSLS are well qualified, knowledgeable and have extensive on the ground experience.
- Members are dedicated to improving the quality of land surveying with high standards of professional ethics, conducts and practices.
- The WSLS provides continuing education seminars and facilitates professional growth opportunities for it's members. WSLS members are well informed with the most current statutory and technical information to successfully serve you.
- Choosing a WSLS member is a decision that will benefit you and your project.



About the WSLS

The Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors (WSLS) is a well established, energized and vibrant organization dedicated to the profession of land surveying.

Our organization consists of a diverse group of professionals, students and affiliate organizations. We are proud of the high standards and ethical conduct of our members.

We work diligently to educate the public and advise lawmakers in enacting legislation that protects the landowner's interest.

Our knowledgeable and dedicated members provide resources that promote our profession and increase public awareness. We also ensure that engagement with our association is proactive, professional and prompt.

We look forward to partnering with you!

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“Why Consult a Professional Land Surveyor?”



What is Surveying?

“Surveying is the science of measuring the size and shape of the Earth and accurately locating points on the surface of Earth. It is the determination of the location of land boundaries and land boundary corners. It is the preparation of maps showing the shape and area of the lands

What Will a Land Surveyor Do For Me?

- Hiring a Professional Land Surveyor should be done prior to any division or transfer of property and prior to the design and/or installation of property improvements.
- WSLs Professional Land Surveyors are knowledgeable and qualified professionals when it comes to creating and interpreting legal descriptions of properties.
- WSLs Professional Land Surveyors are a great source for information on land disputes whether they be in urban or rural areas, or around rivers and lakes.
- WSLs Professional Land Surveyors can serve as expert witnesses.
- WSLs members have extensive on the ground experience regarding local ordinances and property boundary law.

What Is the Value Of a Survey?

Purchasing real estate is one of the most significant financial investments a person makes. Help protect yourself from unforeseen issues by having a survey prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor.

WSLS members will work with you in a cost effective manner and give you concise and accurate information. Factors that effect the survey cost include:

- Location, acreage, land use and terrain
- Complexity of the legal description
- Conflicts identified in research or revealed in the survey process
- Type of survey
- The presence of previous survey(s) on record



Common Types of Surveys

Boundary Survey:

This is the most common type of survey. The location of one or more property boundaries on an existing parcel. Buildings, fences and other appurtenances may also be located. Topography, or elevation information, may be added if requested.

ALTA/ACSM Survey:

A highly detailed survey that is often required by lending institutions. The surveyor must follow guidelines established by the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping and the American Land Title Association.

Minor Land Division (Certified Survey Map):

Used to create 1 to 4 new parcels of land out of an existing parcel. This document is typically reviewed only by the local government.

Subdivision Plat:

A survey used when dividing a single parcel of land into 5 or more parcels. This division needs to be reviewed at the local, county and state levels and typically involves engineering design of roads and utilities.