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Policy Title: Sauk County Re-Monumentation Bounty Program

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Purpose Statement: To establish a policy and procedure for private surveyors and the County Surveyor, who wish to participate in the Sauk County Public Land Survey System (PLSS) Re-monumentation Bounty Program (Bounty Program).

Standards and Specifications:

- 1) A U.S. Public Land Survey Monument Record (monument record) shall be submitted for each PLSS corner. The monument record shall be prepared in full compliance with Chapter A-E 7.08(3) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- 2) PLSS corner is defined as a section, one-quarter or center one-quarter corner.
- 3) Reference ties shall be a minimum 3/4" diameter by 18" long iron rods unless alternatives are requested of and approved by the Sauk County Surveyor. Reference ties shall be placed in locations where they can most reasonably be expected to be safe from disturbance or removal.
- 4) Corner monuments shall be a minimum 1" diameter by 30" long iron rods (as supplied by the county) unless alternatives are requested of and approved by the Sauk County Surveyor. The surveyor shall use their best judgment in determining where existing monuments should be left in place or upgraded. Final decisions regarding this provision shall be made by the Sauk County Surveyor, should there be a dispute.
- 5) County signs and posts (as supplied by the county) shall be placed in close proximity to all corner locations, the location being subject to conditions. The surveyor should use their best judgment in determining where the sign shall be placed or where placement is not reasonably possible. Final decisions regarding this provision shall be made by the Sauk County Surveyor, should there be a dispute.
- 6) When submitting coordinate values as part of the monument record, the surveyor shall provide the coordinate values in U.S. Feet as related to the Wisconsin Coordinate Reference Systems (WISCRS), Sauk Zone, NAD 83 (1997). The absolute accuracy of the coordinate values shall be "Survey Grade", as defined by the Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP), being 2cm (0.065') or better.
- 7) Participation requests shall be made to the County Surveyor by means of email utilizing the email address countysurveyor@saukcountywi.gov. The request shall include the specific corner location(s) being requested. The County Surveyor will respond to and retain copies of participation requests made and shall maintain an organized inventory of work in progress. In no case will payment be approved for re-monumentation work done prior to or without having submitted a request.

8) In situations where a surveyor requests participation with respect to corner locations which have been previously requested by another surveyor, but for which the work has not been completed, the Sauk County Surveyor will contact the prior approved surveyor to determine the status of the work and will negotiate the most reasonably expedient method of completing the work. Approved requests cannot be expected to be held indefinitely. Final decisions regarding this provision shall be made by the Sauk County Surveyor, should there be a dispute.

9) Corner requests made by private surveyors in conjunction with ongoing surveys will be given priority over requests made by private surveyors not in conjunction with ongoing surveys, so that the Bounty Program can benefit parties paying for surveys. The Sauk County Surveyor will administer the Bounty Program and conduct re-monumentation in a manner which, in their best judgment, provides the greatest advantage to the general population of Sauk County as a whole.

10) Where any surveyor or surveying firm is not in compliance with the requirements of Chapter A-E 7 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code (Minimum Standards for Property Surveys) in conducting the practice of land surveying in Sauk County, Bounty Program participation and payment requests may be denied and the surveyor and/or surveying firm may be considered ineligible for future Bounty Program participation.

11) This policy statement is to be considered a general outline of standards, specifications, and rules of conduct with respect to the Bounty Program. Laws exist in State and Federal Statutes as well as the Wisconsin Administrative Code that more specifically pertain to proper corner re-monumentation and reporting procedures. Those laws must be followed as well as these standards and specifications. Situations may also occur which cannot reasonably be foreseen, and which may require further evaluation and judgment by the Sauk County Surveyor, whose decisions are final. In arriving at those decisions, the Sauk County Surveyor may petition opinions of other professional individuals and organizations at their discretion.

12) The Bounty Program may be updated from time to time to reflect changes in the regulatory environment, or other necessary considerations, as approved by the Land Resources and Environment Committee.

Additional Review Requirements for the County Surveyor:

Where the Sauk County Surveyor participates in the Bounty Program, they will do so under the supervision of another professional land surveyor, who will be designated by the Land Resources and Environment Committee. The professional land surveyor chosen will have the authority and responsibilities of the Sauk County Surveyor as set forth in this policy.

The designated professional land surveyor shall negotiate a review rate with the Land Resources and Environment Committee. The review rate shall be per monument record. A review checklist shall be submitted to the Land Information / GIS Director with invoices for the reviewed monument records.

Reimbursement:

The payments per monument record and for restoring disturbed corner monuments will be in accordance with those as established by Resolution of the County Board of Supervisors from time-to-time, currently Resolution 44-06.

Payment of bounties shall be by categories as follows:

A) A payment of \$500.00 is available for disputed or undocumented corner locations.

B) A payment of \$200.00 is available for corner locations where the surveyor provides coordinate values in accordance with specification number five (5) of this policy.

C) A payment of \$150.00 is available for corner locations where the existing monument is damaged, destroyed, or substandard, and where the surveyor provides repair or replacement of that monument.

Bounty Program invoices and payments shall be processed in accordance with current County financial policies upon receipt of satisfactory monument records as funding allows.