

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

PLS MONUMENTATION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

The importance of restoring and maintaining the monuments of our Public Land Survey system (PLSS) is well known. Saint Louis County has established a reimbursement system to encourage PLSS corner perpetuation. This program, funded through Saint Louis County, will provide financial assistance to private sector land surveyors for PLSS corner perpetuation which occurs during the course of a private land survey. The primary focus of this program is to obtain good quality, corner certificates for corner monuments which do not presently have a Location of Government Corner Certificate on file with Saint Louis County.

The program will be administered as follows:

1. The program will be managed on a first-come-first served basis, subject to available funding. All PLS corner perpetuation shall satisfy the requirements of Minnesota State Statute 381.12 Subd. 3.
2. Corners funded by this program shall include those corners of the original Public Land Survey (Section Corners, Quarter Corners, and Meander Corners) in St. Louis County.
3. The St. Louis County Surveyor's Office reserves the right to deny applications or payment for PLS corner perpetuation under, but not restricted to, the following conditions:
 - Existing application is already on file or a current Certificate of Location of Government Corner is already recorded for the subject corner.
 - The application is being made by a government agency or pertains to a corner required for work contracted by a government agency.
 - The application does not directly relate to a current private survey.
 - The application pertains to a survey requiring County Surveyor approval and signature. (For such surveys, corner certificates are required but will not be reimbursed.)
 - The certificate does not demonstrate credible evidence and/or the use of reasonable and accepted survey methodology supporting the subject monument.

The reimbursement fee shall be \$650.00 per completed corner certificate with provided monument location (\pm 0.5 ft positional tolerance) by latitude and longitude and St. Louis County Transverse Mercator (SLCTM96) coordinates referenced to NAD 83 (86) or NAD 83 (96) HARN. Datum must be clearly specified and will be subject to the County Surveyor's review and approval.