



Price County PLSS Corner Bounty Program

*PRICE COUNTY LAND INFORMATION BOARD SPECIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE A SUBSIDY
TO PERPETUATE, MONUMENT AND RECORD A U. S. PUBLIC LAND MONUMENT RECORD*

1. GOAL

Wisconsin Administrative Code A-E 7.08 requires a land surveyor working with section corners of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS), to file monument records meeting specified requirements for monumenting and documenting corner locations. Since the cost of the code-required work will usually be borne by the first landowner hiring a surveyor to work with said corners, to the benefit of landowners ordering later surveys, the Price County Land Information Board, to more fairly distribute the cost of such work, will use tax revenues to subsidize such work, provided such work meets the minimal nine A-E 7.08(3) requirements, **and meets additional requirements listed herein**. Surveyors will receive reimbursement for maintaining/re-establishing Section Corners Monuments, verifying or establishing witness monument, completing a U. S. Public Land Monument Record, and submitting to the County Surveyor's Office.

2. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A surveyor working for a landowner and seeking the bounty, shall apply to the County Surveyor (Telephone requests maybe approved, but must be followed up by a written request), who will check to see if the corner has already been perpetuated, or if another surveyor has already applied to perpetuate it, or if the subsidy budget will be exceeded. The application shall include the name of the landowner requesting a survey, and the planned survey completion date. All Section, Quarter Section, and 160 Acre Corners are eligible for payment upon request. Individual Centers of Section and Government Lot Corners may be eligible for the bounty and shall be considered in consultation with the County Surveyor. All U. S. Public Land Monument Records submitted must meet A-E 7.08 requirements and all Monuments established must meet A-E 7.07 requirements.

3. BOUNTY PAY STRUCTURE

The following shall be the pay structure and policy regarding the maintenance and re-monumentation of the corners of the Public Land Survey System in Price County.

A. *Reimbursement for Maintenance of PLSS Corner Monument:*

PLSS Corner Monument exists and can be verified by existing witness monuments, in good condition. An existing monument in good condition should usually not be replaced, unless it is wooden, or unless it is non-ferrous and will be covered. Whenever a new monument is used to replace an old monument, it must precisely replace it and the old monument must be removed to prevent confusion. Of course, an exception would be a new iron pipe or rod driven inside an old pipe, or a new iron pipe driven around an old rod. Requirements to receive bounty: Updated U. S. Public Land Monument Record is filed with the County Surveyor's Office and a coordinate on the following Datum is provided and not on record. Wisconsin County Coordinate System, Price County, Horizontal Datum NAD 83 (2011) or newer. ***Payment not to exceed \$250.***

B. *Reimbursement for the Re-establishing of PLSS Corner Monument and/or Witness Monuments:*

PLSS Corner Monument or Witness Monument is found to be disturbed or missing. Requirements to receive bounty: Additional measurements to nearby surveys and/or adjoining PLSS Corners of record to verify the Section Corner location, new PLSS Corner or Witness Monument established, a U. S. Public Land Monument Record is filed with the County Surveyor's Office and a coordinate on the following Datum is provided and not on record. Wisconsin County Coordinate System, Price County, Horizontal Datum NAD 83 (2011) or newer. ***Payment not to exceed \$300.***

C. Reimbursement for the Re-establishing of a Lost or Obliterated PLSS Corner Monument:

All evidence of the PLSS Corner and Witnesses are lost or obliterated. The Surveyor is required to search for and locate evidence in the field such as fence lines, road centerlines, occupation, topographic calls from original notes, or evidence of old surveys. Requirements to receive bounty: PLSS Corner is established by best available evidence or by proportionate measurement (as a last resort method) and appropriate Witness Monuments are established, a U. S. Public Land Monument Record is filed with the County Surveyor’s Office and a coordinate on the following Datum is provided and not on record. Wisconsin County Coordinate System, Price County, Horizontal Datum NAD 83 (2011) or newer.
Payment not to exceed \$400.

4. REQUIRED FIELDWORK AT THE PLSS CORNER

- A. When practical and able to, the surveyor is expected to recover the called-for monument of record.
- B. Four Iron Witness Monuments, provided by the surveyor and complying with 236.34(15)(c&g), shall be used. Witness Monument may also be supplemented by four measurements to trees, building corners, or other durable objects. The witness monuments shall be driven flush with the surface and shall not be set in cultivated fields. Ideally, they should be set at least 50 feet but less than 100 feet from the corner, with one in each of the four directional quadrants. Each situation is different and merely requires some judgment as to where the witness monuments may be expected to survive. Bearing trees shall be measured to an aluminum nail driven into the side of the tree, with the nail so situated that the distance to the nail will be the same as to the tree center at the root crown.
- C. The County Surveyor may modify or waive specifications when in their professional judgement, compliance therewith creates practical difficulty.

5. U. S. PUBLIC LAND MONUMENT RECORD REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to the Wisconsin Administrative Code minimal requirements for a monument record, as listed in A-E 7.08(3)(a-i), a surveyor applying for a Price County subsidy is required to meet some additional requirements.

- A. The surveyor may elect to use one of the other forms commonly in use to meet the Wisconsin code, but the additional information required by the Price County form must be included.
- B. The Corner Monument as it relates to the Witness Monument and features (fences, lines, buildings, roadways, lines of occupation) that may aid in future recovery are required to be shown on the sketch.
- C. The Basis for Monument Location portion shall show the history of the corner to ensure authenticity of the location.
- D. When establishing or re-establishing a PLSS Corner, all evidence and methods used to determine the location shall be explained in the Basis for Monument Location portion. Bearing and Distances to all monuments used to established or re-established the corner shall be shown in the sketch.
- E. The surveyor shall provide coordinates that comply with the “Survey Grade Definition” as defined by The Wisconsin County Surveyors Association: “Coordinates collected under the direction of a Professional Land Surveyor, in a coordinate system allowed by 236.18 (2), and obtained by means, methods, and equipment capable of repeatable 2 centimeter or better precision”. The coordinate shall be provided on the U. S. Public Land Monument Record stating the datum in which the coordinate was obtained. Preferably, in the Wisconsin County Coordinate System, Price County, Horizontal Datum NAD 83 (2011) or newer.

6. APPROVAL PROCESS:

- A. All services will be performed according to surveying practices consistent with the highest professional and technical standards, and all applicable Federal and State Laws, Rules, and Regulations.
- B. All work must be performed under the direct supervision of a Professional Land Surveyor licensed in the State of Wisconsin.
- C. All survey work is reviewed by the County Surveyor and the requirements must be met before payments will be issued for the perpetuation and restoration of the PLSS Corners.
- D. Procurement and reimbursement approval: The County’s policy does not require bids, quotes, or proposals for reimbursement such as this.
- E. An invoice showing the Price County Section Corner Number (e.g. N3500_E0100) and amount per corner (e.g. \$250) and a total is required to receive reimbursement.
- F. Payment of any bounty is wholly dependent upon funds available. Once funds have been exhausted, NO additional bounties will be paid for the remainder of that given year.

Evan Lund 6/23/2025
Evan Lund Date
L.I.C. Chairperson

Samuel J. Kotke 6/23/2025
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Price County Surveyor