

## Dane County Planning and Development Department

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Dear Board Members,

The Dane County Surveyor's Office has contracted for the perpetuation and maintenance of the United States Public Land Survey System (USPLSS) monuments in Township 9 North, Range 8 East (including the Town of Dane and the Village of Dane); Township 5 North, Range 12 East (including the Town of Albion and City of Edgerton); and Township 6 North, Range 12 East (including the Town of Christiana, the Village of Rockdale and the Village of Cambridge. This work will include finding, restoring and / or replacing USPLSS section corner monuments and collecting accurate coordinate data. The project will take place throughout 2020 until early June.

This project is part of a long term countywide USPLSS Re-monumentation effort. These monuments make up the skeletal structure of our land ownership system. This project will benefit residents in many ways, some of which are cost savings on property surveys, more accurate mapping in the Dane County parcel data and Farm Services Agency data, and provide a much more accurate base for analyzing title issues.

The contracted vendor for this work in Township 9 North, Range 8 East is River Valley Surveying, LLC, in Township 5 North, Range 12 East the contracted vendor is Combs and Associates, Inc., and in Township 6 North, Range 12 East the contracted vendor is Talarczyk Land Surveys, LLC. Survey crews will need to access private properties to locate these vital corner locations. While surveyors typically attempt to contact landowners before entering private property, they do have the right of trespass to conduct their work. It is extremely cost prohibitive and nearly impossible to contact every land owner, especially in highly developed areas. Some small hand-dug road excavations may be necessary. Any holes made will be patched. If Town, City, or Village Board Members or constituents have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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