

The primary responsibility of the County Surveyor is to implement the State Remonumentation Program. The purpose of the program is to remonument every section corner in the state.

It will take approximately 30 years to complete the program in Antrim County if the same rate of completion is followed as the last 20 years. The total number of corners to be remonumented in Antrim County is 2148. The total number of corners completed through 2016 is 841, leaving 1307 corners yet to be visited. There are 24 corners that are to be remonumented in 2017 through the Antrim County program and 12 corners to be done by the Otsego County program on the county line. These 12 corners must still go through the Antrim County Peer Group for approval and then be recorded in the Antrim Register of Deeds.

The following lists the grant amounts received over the last few years, as well as the amount for this year:

2011	\$34452
2012	\$34501
2013	\$35632
2014	\$50133
2015	\$46529
2016	\$31350
2017	\$35941

The money for the program is collected by the Register of Deeds on every document recorded. This money is then pooled and redistributed to all counties participating in the program using a specific formula.

The reason there are fewer corners being completed this year with more money is because each corner is now required to have GPS coordinates collected on it. This was actually required last year as well, but I waited a year to see how much more time was going to be needed at each corner before deciding whether to increase the amount paid per corner. In addition, recording costs at the Register of Deeds increased significantly statewide this year.

Counties are not required to participate in the program and must apply every year. However, as long as the paperwork is submitted correctly, the grant award is guaranteed.

Respectfully Submitted

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