

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 2014 is 761, leaving 1387 corners yet to be visited. There are 38 corners that will be remonumented in 2015.

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

2011	\$34452
2012	\$34501
2013	\$35632
2014	\$50133
2015	\$46529

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

The Remonumentation Act was amended last year and those changes will be reflected in the 2015 Grant Year. There were two notable changes in the amendment. First, counties can no longer be repaid by the state if they choose to match the state grant amount. Second, latitude and longitude are now required to be measured on each corner that is monumented. This had been something that a county could choose to do, now it is required. As a side effect of this change, the form that gets recorded in the Register of Deeds for each corner also changed. Instead of a single sheet, it will now be two or three sheets long per corner.

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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