

2008 SURVEY OF INDIANA COUNTY SURVEYORS

THE COUNTY SURVEYOR:

1. Are you a Registered Land Surveyor or Professional Engineer?
a. REGISTERED LS b. PE c. BOTH d. NEITHER
2. Is your position as County Surveyor a full-time or part-time position?
a. FULL-TIME b. PART-TIME
3. How long have you been County Surveyor? _____
4. As County Surveyor, are you a member of a plan commission?
a. YES b. NO
If so, what is the rate per member? _____
5. Is your office represented on a Plan Commission Technical Advisory Committee?
a. YES b. NO
6. Do you regularly attend Purdue Road School?
a. YES b. NO
If not, why? _____
Do representatives from your office attend regularly in your place?
a. YES b. NO
If not, why? _____

MAPPING - GIS:

7. Does your office maintain the Auditor's Plat Maps?
a. YES b. NO
Do you believe the County Surveyor's Office should maintain those maps?
a. YES b. NO
8. Does your office compile and publish the county road maps?
a. YES b. NO
Do you believe the County Surveyor's Office should compile these maps?
a. YES b. NO
9. Does your office maintain or review Annexation Descriptions?
a. MAINTAIN b. REVIEW c. BOTH d. NEITHER
10. Do you believe the County Surveyor should maintain or review Annexation Descriptions?
a. MAINTAIN b. REVIEW
11. Does your office maintain the Election Precinct Maps for the County Clerk?
a. YES b. NO
Do you believe the County Surveyor's Office should maintain those maps?
a. YES b. NO
12. Do you have a GIS Mapping program?
a. YES b. NO
If so, as County Surveyor do you play an active role in its implementation or maintenance?
a. YES b. NO
13. How many tax parcels are in your County as of January 1, 2008? _____

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ABOUT CORNERSTONE PERPETUATION:

14. What percent of all the originally set corners (USPLS), as defined in the 1965 Indiana Code, are perpetuated in your county? _____
15. What was the average amount collected annually for your Cornerstone Perpetuation fund (as collected under IC 36-2-7-10 or 36-2-19), from the County Recorder for the following years:
1995: _____ 2000: _____
2005: _____ 2007: _____
16. Does your office have an active cornerstone monumentation program?
a. YES b. NO
If not, is there funding available for it?
a. YES b. NO
If funds were available, would you initiate a cornerstone monumentation program?
a. YES b. NO
17. Does your office have an ordinance regarding moving or altering a monument?
a. YES b. NO
18. Does your office currently maintain vertical monumentation?
a. YES b. NO
If your office does maintain vertical monumentation, how is it set?
a. USGS b. GPS c. HARN d. SET BY OTHERS

ABOUT HYDROLOGY:

19. Is there a Stormwater Management Board for your county?
a. YES b. NO
Would you favor legislation for the Drainage Board to form one for urban drains?
a. YES b. NO
20. Does your county take retention/detention ponds as part of the regulated drain?
a. YES b. NO
21. Does your county have an ordinance for private ponds?
a. YES b. NO
22. Have any Designated Filter Strips been established by any of the following?
a. PROPERTY OWNERS b. DRAINAGE BOARD c. BOTH d. NEITHER
If so, how many? _____ *Total Length:* _____
23. Are there any Drainage Districts set up under IC 13-2-21 (before its repeal) or under IC 14-27-8 in your county?
a. YES b. NO
If so, how many? _____
24. Do you believe that drainage districts established by the above cited codes should be abolished and then turned over to the Drainage Board?
a. YES b. NO

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25. During the last two years has your county had drainage projects delayed or denied by any of the following agencies?
a. *IDEM* b. *CORPS of ENGINEERS* c. *IDNR* d. *OTHER:*
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26. Has your county constructed any "2 stage" drain projects?
a. *YES* b. *NO*
27. Does your county utilize permit fees for drainage permits?
a. *YES* b. *NO*
If yes, what are the fee charges for? _____
28. Does your county regulated drain maintenance practices differ between "Natural Stream" and "Man Made" Drains?
a. *YES* b. *NO*
29. Has your county participated in any wetland reserve/restoration project affecting a regulated drain?
a. *YES* b. *NO*
30. Does your county have any Riparian Buffer?
a. *YES* b. *NO*
31. How many miles of regulated drain are in your County? _____
32. What is the percentage of miles of regulated drain in your County that have been placed under assessment since 1965? _____
33. Does your county have a have any of the following types of Drainage Boards?
a. *CITIZEN* b. *COMMISSIONER* c. *NON-ACTIVE* d. *JOINT COUNTY*
34. Do you utilize the best management practice in the Indiana Drainage Handbook?
a. *YES* b. *NO*
35. What is the balance of your county's general drain improvement fund?

36. Does your county invest maintenance funds?
a. *YES* b. *NO*
If so, are earnings placed
a. *INTO APPROPRIATE MAINTENACE FUNDS* b. *GDIF* c. *COUNTY GENERAL*
37. Do you use a 20 year payment for urban drain construction/reconstruction?
a. *YES* b. *NO*
38. Does your county enter into "cost share" arrangements with landowners for drain improvements?
a. *YES* b. *NO*
39. Has your county ever used any of the following to pay for drainage projects?
a. *IMPACT FEES* b. *TIF* c. *COIT* d. *OTHER:*
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40. Does your county have a filing fee for a petition for removal of obstruction under IC 36-9-27.4?
a. *YES* b. *NO*
If yes, what is the amount of the fee? _____

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41. How many petitions for removal of obstructions under IC 36-9-27.4 are filed in your office annually?
a. 1-2 b. 3-5 c. MORE THAN 5 d. NONE
42. How often does your Drainage Board meet and when?
a. MONTHLY b. BI-MONTHLY c. WEEKLY d. BUSINESS HOURS
e. EVENINGS f. OTHER _____
43. Does your county place delinquent drainage assessments on tax sale?
a. YES b. NO

ABOUT SURVEYING:

44. Does your county have an ordinance to allow the County Surveyor to record surveys?
a. YES b. NO
Do you believe the County Surveyor's Office should maintain these records?
a. YES b. NO
45. Does your office have a policy agreement with the County Highway Department for section corner monumentation?
a. YES b. NO
46. How many legal surveys are on file in your office? _____
Are they maintained?
a. HARD COPY b. DIGITALLY c. BOTH
47. Does your office provide assistance to other county government agencies, such as surveying bridge right-of-way for the County Highway?
a. YES b. NO
If so, please list the agency and type of services perform: _____

48. Does your office post section corner information on the county web site?
a. YES b. NO
49. Does your office own/operate it's own permanent GPS base station?
a. YES b. NO
If so, is it available for public access?
a. YES b. NO
If so, is it?
a. FREE OF CHARGE b. FEE/SUBSCRIPTION
50. Does your office provide assistance to township trustees who request survey work on their fire stations or cemeteries?
a. YES b. NO

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If so, please list the type of services performed: _____

51. Does your county contract out any of the following engineering/survey services?
a. DRAINAGE DESIGN b. MONUMENT PERPETUATION c. GPS d. GIS e. DRAINAGE REVIEWS
f. OTHER _____

52. Does your office own GPS equipment?
a. YES b. NO

ABOUT THE OFFICE IN GENERAL:

53. Besides yourself, how many full-time employees do you have in your office? _____
54. Besides yourself, how many part-time employees do you have in your office? _____
55. What is your annual budget for perpetuation _____ drainage _____ surveyor _____
56. How much does your office charge citizens/companies for copies? _____
57. How much does your office charge citizens/companies for printed maps? _____
58. Has the state Public Access Counselor (as empowered by IC 5-14-4) issued any advisory opinions in connection with your office since 2000? _____
59. Has your office undertaken any specialized projects, such as researching and creating a road right-of-way book, or preserving historic maps?
a. YES b. NO

If so, please list them and briefly describe how they benefit your county: _____

60. Does your office get involved with issues regarding fences?
a. YES b. NO
61. Are you a member of any other Board's?
a. YES b. NO
62. In the last two years how many ABC permit locations have you certified? _____
Do you charge a fee?
a. YES b. NO
If so, how much? _____

63. Do you have any suggestions for legislation or other comments? Please be specific when citing code.

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64. Besides the statutory requirements for the office, are there other boards, committees, functions or services that you serve on, do for or provide the county and its citizens? _____

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