

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. Every parcel of land in the state is dependent on these corners to define their boundaries.

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 2018 is 911, leaving 1237 corners yet to be visited. There are 30 corners that are to be remonumented in 2019 through the Antrim County program.

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

2012	\$34501
2013	\$35632
2014	\$50133
2015	\$46529
2016	\$31350
2017	\$35941
2018	\$46055
2019	\$44800

The money for the program is collected by the Register of Deeds on every document recorded in the state. This money is then pooled and redistributed to all counties participating in the program using a specific formula. The county acts as a pass-through for the money and contributes no funds to the program.

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.

In March 2020, all counties are required to submit a new county plan that defines what corners are to be included in the program. This is because the law was amended in 2014 and they are now requiring new county plans to be in compliance with the act. This will be a time consuming exercise as all corners to be included must be listed individually. The plan also includes defining who can be a member of the Peer Group, what work is eligible for compensation, what monuments to be used, etc. It is an all-encompassing plan that will define how the work is to be done over the next 20 plus years, as well as a maintenance plan once the initial work is complete.

Respectfully Submitted

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