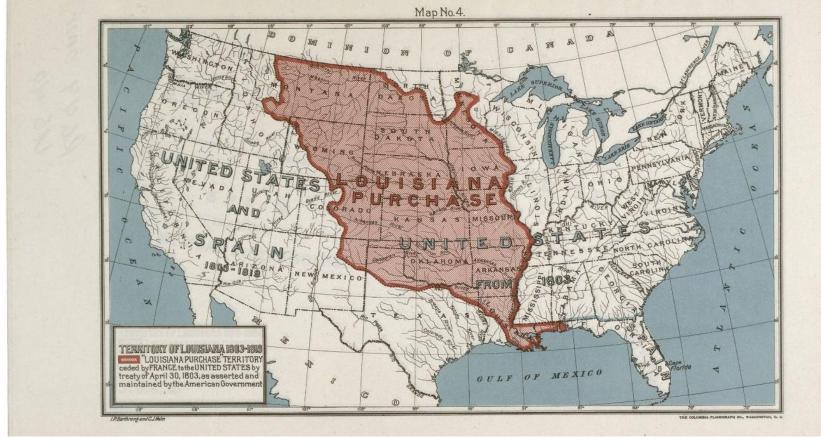


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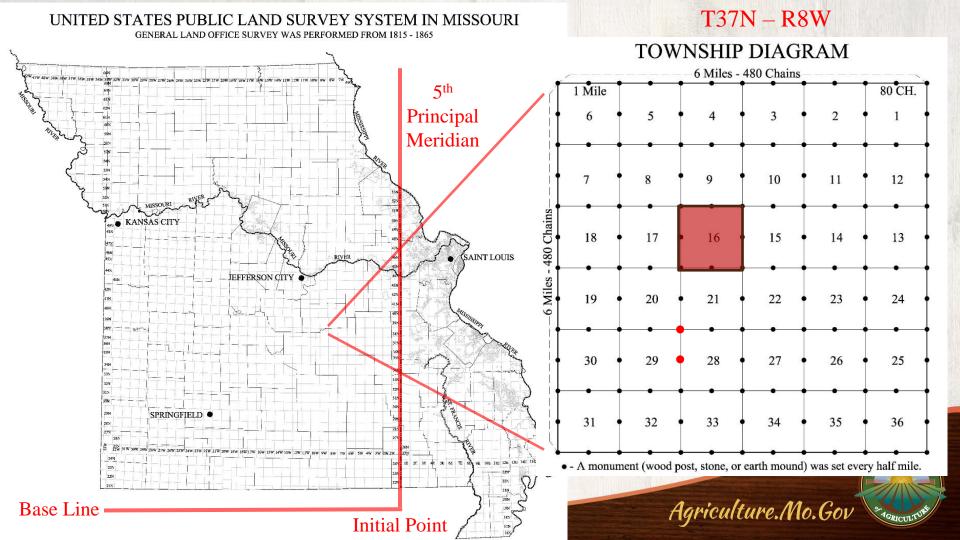


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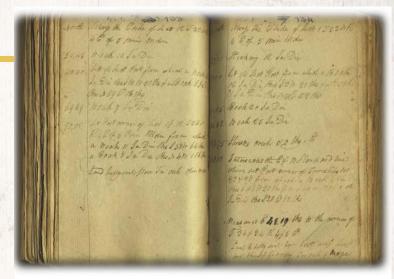
## History

- United States Public Land Survey System (USPLSS)
- Missouri was surveyed between 1815-1865
- Basis for transfer of land, then and now
- System of Sections and Townships
- Surveyed using chain and compass
  - Set posts, mounds, & stones









Created in 1969 to preserve survey monumentation and records

# Land Survey Program History

- Began within the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.
- August 28, 2013, the Land Survey Program was moved to the Department of Agriculture and located within the Division of Weights, Measures, and Consumer Protection.



# **Land Survey Program Currently**

- 12 full time employees with two vacant positions.
- Is Fee funded (\$1.00 is sent to the Land Survey Program every time a document is recorded in Missouri).
- This \$1.00 fee has not changed since 1969.





Mission: To develop and provide information required for the accurate and economical location of property boundaries in Missouri

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**Field Surveys Section** 



**Repository Section** 



Administration Section



### Repository Section



1.4 Million Survey Records available for purchase online

Receives/indexes approximately 1000 documents per month

Plats/Surveys https://apps.mda.mo.gov/molandsurveyindex

Corner Documents <a href="https://apps.mda.mo.gov/mocornermasterindex">https://apps.mda.mo.gov/mocornermasterindex</a>

### **Repository Section**

Responsible for acquiring and archiving survey documents through contact with all county recorders and county surveyors

- Scan and microfilm the survey documents
- Index the scanned images into our Land Survey Index System (LSI) or Corner Master Index (CMI), which allows anyone to access and purchase a copy of the image of the survey documents
- Maintain the Land Survey Index and provide service to customers that have questions about the LSI or CMI

### **Repository Section Documents**

- GLO Plats and notes
- Subdivision Plats
- County Survey Records
- Corner Documents
- Some MoDOT R/W plans
- U.S. Forest Service Surveys/Yellow sheets
- State Parks Surveys
- Some Private Surveys
- Some Railroad R/W plans









#### Land Survey Index

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| The Land Survey Index and Corner Master Index          |                                    |             |                   |              |      |   |
| Shopping Carts have been combined.                     |                                    |             |                   |              |      |   |
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# Field Surveys Section

- Responsible for restoring, reestablishing, and preserving the estimated 260,000 corners that were set during the original government surveys.
  - These are restored by:
    - In house surveys
      - 3 crews working on this
    - Co-op Remonumentation programs.



## Cooperative Remonumentation Program

- County Surveyor Co-op The Land Survey Program along with partnering counties contributes money and then contracts with County surveyors to preserve, restore or reestablish corners in which they have normally found while doing a survey for someone.
- Private Surveyor Co-op The land survey program puts forth all the money if funding is available.



#### Field Surveys Section

United States Public Land Survey (USPLSS) Corner Corner of Section 29, 30, 31, & 32, T50N, R2E





1820: Deputy Surveyor Robbins – Set post

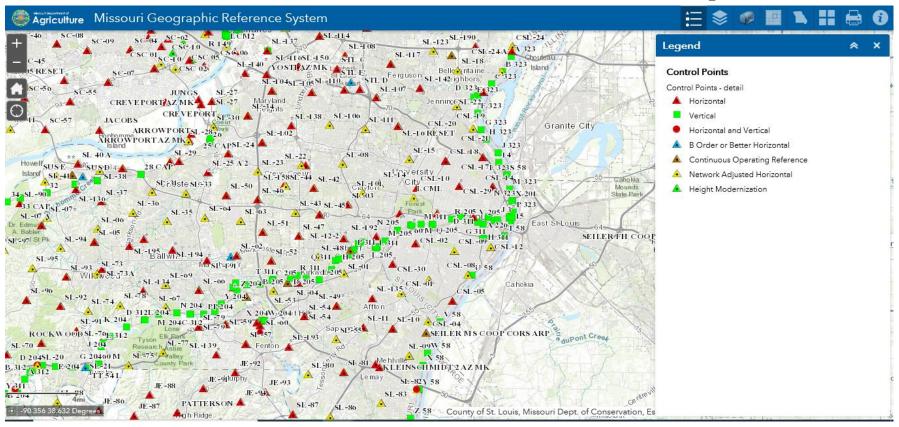
1874: County Surveyor Wilson – Stone

2014: Land Survey Program – Aluminum

Monument

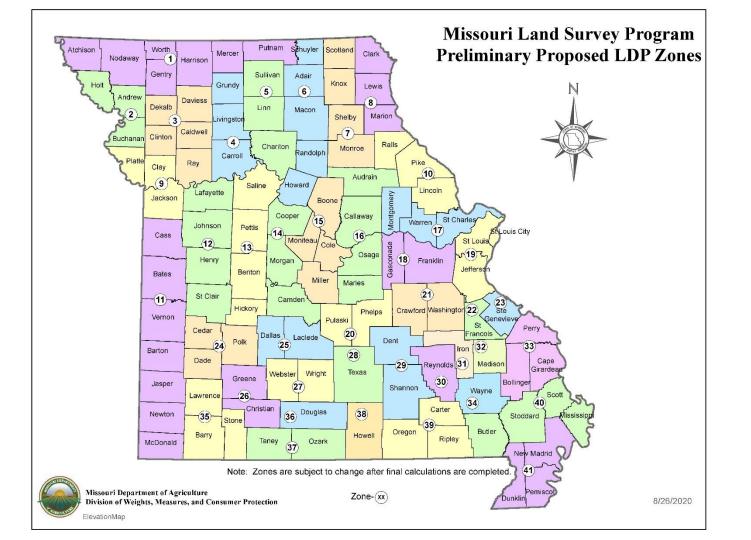


#### Online Horizontal & Vertical Control Map



Control Stations located around St. Louis

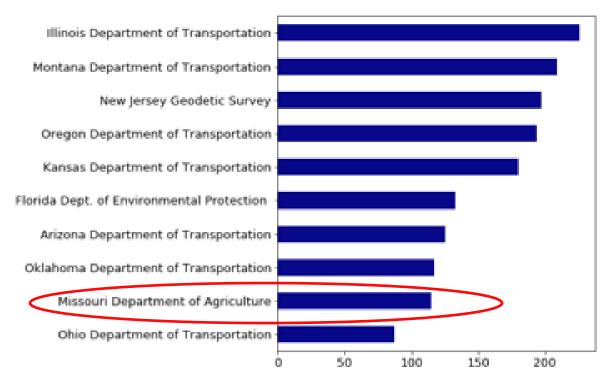
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### **Field Surveys Section**

#### 2018 GPS on Benchmark Campaign

#### Top Ten Submitting Agencies



Improving the Geoid and Coordinate **Transformation** tools, by participating in GPS on Benchmarks through the National Geodetic Survey.

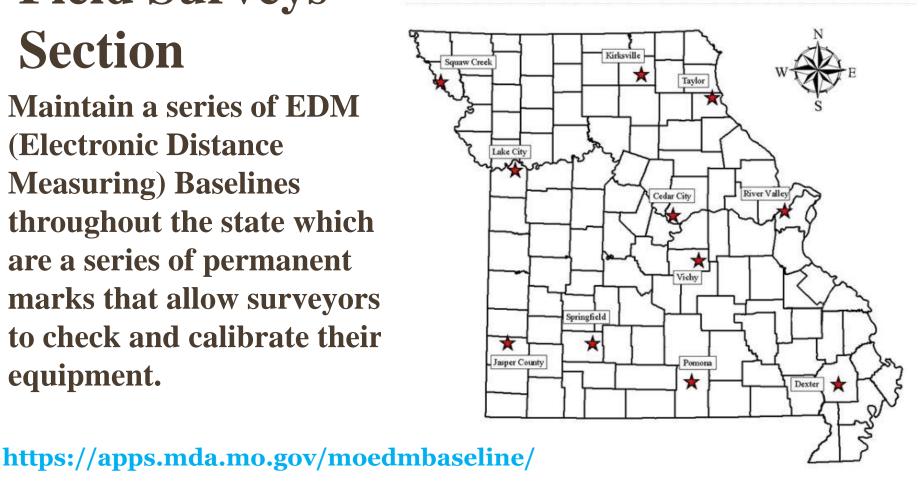
Number of Shared Solutions

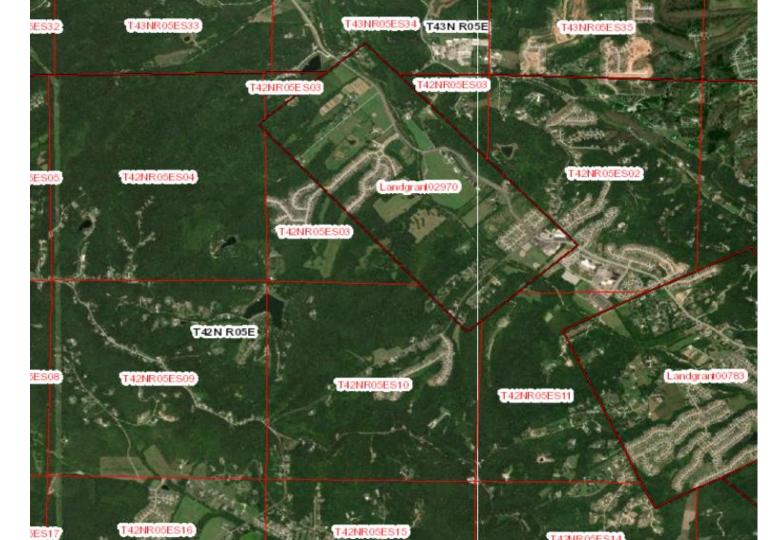
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## Field Surveys **Section**

 Maintain a series of EDM (Electronic Distance **Measuring) Baselines** throughout the state which are a series of permanent marks that allow surveyors to check and calibrate their equipment.

#### Land Survey Program - EDM Baselines





#### **Administrative Section**

- Responsible for legislation issues dealing with the policies and budget matters of the state land survey program
- Prescribe standards that provide surveyors and property owners with a realistic guideline for adequate survey performance
- Provide technical assistance to surveyors and the public on survey related questions

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