

Program #91012 - County Surveyor's Office

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Related Programs: 91013, 91016, 91017, 91018

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The County Surveyor's Office provides services which include: maintenance and restoration of public land survey corners, the review and filing of surveys and land division plats, providing survey records to the public and surveying support to other county programs and local agencies.

Program Summary

The County Surveyor's Office provides several services, some of which are mandated by state law.

Mandated Functions (required by state statute)

- Maintenance and restoration of public land survey corner monuments under the Public Land Survey System: All property descriptions within the state are either directly or indirectly tied to public land survey corners. The maintenance and restoration of these corners are critical to ensure the integrity of property boundaries within the county.
- Review, filing and indexing of records of survey: All surveys which set permanent monuments (property corners, etc.) within Multnomah County are required to be filed with our office. State statutes require that we review these surveys, file and index them in the County Survey Records.
- Review and approval of land division plats (subdivisions, partitions, and condominiums): Comprehensive reviews of all land division plats within the entire county are performed by our office to ensure accuracy and compliance with state statutes and local ordinances.
- Providing access to the public survey records: We maintain a robust online records retrieval system that is widely used by the public, and essential for providing information required by land surveyors, developers, the title industry, planning jurisdictions, and others.

Other Functions

- Provide surveying support for capital projects on county roads and bridges. Current/recent projects include Sellwood Bridge Replacement Project, Wood Village Blvd. extension, NE Arata Road, Sandy Boulevard, Troutdale pedestrian improvements, and Beaver Creek fish passage project.
- Provide surveying support for County departments and local agencies. Currently working on projects for Road Engineering, Bridge Services and County Facilities.
- Provide surveying expertise to the public and to County and local agencies.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer				
Output	Number of public land corner visits performed (this is a new performance measure)	New	175	100	100				
Outcome	Percentage of plats reviewed within 21 days	100%	90%	95%	90%				
Input	Number of plats reviewed for approval	142	100	140	120				
Quality	Number of affidavits of correction filed for errors on plats	1	3	1	3				

Performance Measures Descriptions

The County Surveyor's Office maintains approximately 2000 public land survey corners, which are maintained on a 7-10 year cycle (each maintenance is a "visit"). The County Surveyor approves all land division plats (subdivisions, partitions, and condominiums) in the County and all cities within it. Our goal is to conduct scheduled corner site visits and complete the initial review of all plats within 21 calendar days of submittal. We strive to be very accurate with our reviews. Accuracy is measured by the number of affidavits of correction filed to rectify errors on plats which were missed during our review.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The County Surveyor position is mandated by state statute. The duties of the County Surveyor are mandated by ORS Chapter 209, including those related to Public Land Corners. Plat review and approval are mandated by ORS 92.100 and ORS 100.115. Certain work regarding county roads is mandated by ORS 368.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$0	\$1,097,346	\$0	\$1,111,806
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$44,100	\$0	\$49,100
Internal Services	\$0	\$266,185	\$0	\$297,909
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
Unappropriated & Contingency	\$0	\$1,962,507	\$0	\$2,026,335
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$3,372,138	\$0	\$3,527,150
Program Total:	ogram Total: \$3,372,138		\$3,52	7,150
Program FTE	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00

Program Revenues									
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$26,431	\$0	\$37,880	\$0					
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$1,640,000	\$0	\$1,465,000					
Interest	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500					
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$1,574,638	\$0	\$1,889,650					
Service Charges	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$165,000					
Total Revenue	\$26,431	\$3,372,138	\$37,880	\$3,527,150					

Explanation of Revenues

The County Surveyor's Office is self supporting. All revenues are from user fees or charges for services. Maintenance and restoration of Public Land Corners makes up the largest part of our program. This is funded by a fee (currently \$10) charged whenever certain types of documents are recorded in the County Records. Another large portion of our revenue is derived from a filing fee (currently \$400) which is charged for all records of survey and plats that are submitted to our office for review and filing. Revenue estimates are as follows: Public Land Corner Preservation Fund – estimated 102,000 documents recorded at \$10 each - \$1,020,000 (part of "Other/Miscellaneous" above); Plats and Surveys submitted for filing/recording - estimated 512.5 at \$400 each = \$205,000 (part of "Other/Miscellaneous" above); Plat review and approval - actual cost incurred - estimated \$165,000 (shown as "Service Charges" above); Survey support for county road and bridge projects, and other county departments and local agencies – estimated \$240,000. (part of "Other/Miscellaneous" above)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 91012 County Surveyor's Office