



Top Ten Reasons Why Surveying Is An Essential Business in Pennsylvania

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- 10.** Maryland, West Virginia, New York and New Jersey recognize surveying as an essential business, allowing them to continue operation, subject to CDC Guidelines, during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
 - 9.** By law, only a Professional Land Surveyor can determine the location of property boundary lines.
 - 8.** Professional Land Surveyors support real estate settlements and transactions that are necessary for financing and refinancing in the Commonwealth of PA.
 - 7.** Important projects such as resilience, flood plain mapping, development, infrastructure, and environmental protection, are dependent on survey data, and will be delayed, stifling longer-term economic recovery.
 - 6.** Surveyors support aerial data acquisition services, which need to be performed in the Spring. If this data is not acquired now, the projects that need that data will be delayed until next year.
 - 5.** Industries that are currently exempt from the non-work order rely on field surveys to support their daily operation.
 - 4.** Field surveys are needed for "Essential Critical Infrastructure," as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, to perform their necessary and important responsibilities in service to our fellow citizens.
 - 3.** Boundary and topographic surveying & mapping are the foundation of all engineering and construction projects. These projects cannot move forward without a surveyor working in the field.
 - 2.** Due to technological advances requiring only 1 or 2 people in a crew, surveying inherently follows CDC social distancing guidelines and infection prevention practices.
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- 1.** Professional Land Surveyors understand that they have a responsibility to safeguard life and promote the health, safety and welfare of the public.