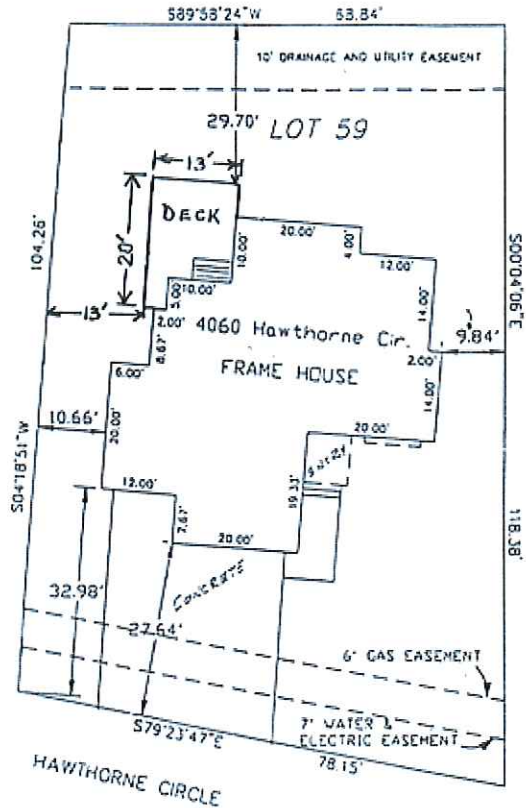


# Where Are My Property Lines?

**You know the dimensions of your property on paper, But... How can you be certain just where your property lines are on the ground?**

City, Township and County records usually have property descriptions that reflect the dimensions of your lot, but this does not show precisely where the lot lines (property lines) are. Villages don't maintain property description files because the Township is responsible for the assessing. These descriptions may say your lot is 132 feet by 66 feet but don't identify where the corners of the lot actually are on the ground.

Mortgage Deed drawings are an indication of lot size and not an indication of where lot lines are. Property land titles will give the legal description. In most cases, corner stakes were placed on each corner of a property. You may look for these. But, since they were most likely placed when the area was platted or built, it may have been a long time ago and the stakes may no longer be found.



A surveyor can locate lot lines. Surveyors read the legal descriptions, locate known section lines and other known survey points to find where the corners of your property are. Once they have done this, they'll put stakes in the ground at the corners of your property.

There are several registered land surveyors who can be found in the yellow pages under "surveyors-land".

Unfortunately, people often want to know where their property lines are because of a conflict with a neighbor. Perhaps they want to put up a fence, or some of the neighbor's belongings are encroaching on their lot. These types of issues are civil matters—that is, they are disputes between two parties which are typically settled by the people themselves or in civil court.