

Construction & Survey Info

How will I know if construction is planned on my property?

When the City is considering a construction project on or near your property, you will receive advance notification. Often, public information meetings are held by the City where details of proposed projects are presented and City representatives are available to answer questions. This is also a time to provide your comments for consideration in the project design and location.

Where can I get survey information?

Information is maintained on Chesapeake's network of over 250 horizontal and vertical reference points. These reference points meet or exceed standards of accuracy and specifications for Second Order, Class II, as required by State Code 55-294. Reference recovery data sheets and location maps for these points can be found by going to the City website at: www.cityofchesapeake.net/services/depart/pub-wrks/engineering

The City does not provide services such as flood evaluation certificates or determine property lines for homeowners (i.e. mortgage surveys, private property disputes). In those cases, a licensed private land surveyor should be consulted for assistance.

Survey Tips



If a survey party is in your area, please do the following:

- Provide them with access to your property
- Offer information that may be useful
- Point out survey stakes or property markers

More Questions?

Contact the Customer Call Center
at (757) 382-CITY (2489)

City Surveying



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Surveys & You

Surveys in Chesapeake

Surveys of the City are a common occurrence.

Survey crews gather information that is needed by the Public Works Engineering Division to plan and design City projects or improvements to existing facilities.



A survey records geographic conditions and man-made features as they currently exist. Typical information collected includes: terrain, drainage, property boundaries and ownership, soil condition and other physical features.

Survey stakes should be left undisturbed. If survey stakes cause problems for property owners, contact the City Call Center at 382-CITY (2489).

Why is the survey being made on my property?

When the City is considering improvements to transportation and public facilities, a survey is essential to establish property lines, locations of easements, and to provide engineers with geographic information to design construction plans.

Your Property

Is my property in peril?

A survey on your property does not necessarily indicate construction is imminent. It only means that the City is collecting geographic data of your property. If there are plans to establish an easement or purchase property for public facilities, a Right-of-Way agent will contact you.

Will my property be damaged by the survey team?

The survey team will make every effort to avoid property damage, although it is sometimes necessary to clear underbrush and other small obstacles to record survey data and place stakes. The teams will take precautions to minimize any inconvenience.

What if I don't want surveyors on my property?

Pursuant to 25-232.2 of the Code of Virginia, the City is authorized to enter upon property subject to eminent domain; reimburse owners for damages, and provide notice prior to entry, for the purpose of making surveys. In cases where access is denied, the City will formally request permission by certified mail 15 days prior to the date of entry. Any questions regarding access to property should be addressed to the City Surveyor.

Survey Information

Why are the surveyors leaving stakes on my property?

Stakes placed by the survey team are a record for planning and future reference. These should be left undisturbed. If the stakes present a problem, the survey team will remove them after the survey is complete.

What can I do to help?

You can help by showing the survey team your property lines and by answering any questions they may have concerning your land and its use. In doing so, you will make their work easier and less costly. If you have any information regarding sites of historic or archeological interest, grave sites, or evidence of native American habitation, please share that with the surveyors.

Can I expect more surveys?

It may be necessary to conduct further surveys. This is not an indication that a project has been determined, it simply means that engineers are collecting more data or verifying the initial survey.

Who can I ask for more information?

The survey party may not have information about future plans for construction. If you have questions, you can contact the City Engineering Department at 382-6101.