

STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

POLICY

PROPERTY SURVEYS

I. **Purpose**

Once a landowner has accepted an offer to purchase a development easement under the provisions of the Agriculture Retention and Development Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et seq., P.L. 1983, C.32, a survey of the subject land must be conducted. The purpose of this survey is to determine the metes and bounds description of the property, acreage to receive a cost share from the State Agriculture Development Committee, acreage to be preserved and establish the baseline conditions of the property at the time of easement purchase.

II. **Authority**

N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et seq., P.L. 1983, C.32
N.J.A.C. 2:76-6.13 (b)

III. **Supersedes**

Policy - Property Surveys dated 1/25/96 P-3-B
Property Surveys dated 1/25/96 P-3-B Supplement

IV. **Policy**

1. Upon a commitment to purchase a development easement, a licensed surveyor shall be hired to conduct a property survey on the lands where a development easement will be acquired. The resultant legal description of the lands shall be a "metes and bounds" description developed through a property survey confirmed and certified by a licensed surveyor. The survey shall be sufficient for purposes of obtaining an insured title search as required by N.J.A.C. 2:76-6.13(b).
2. All surveys must be completed in accordance with the Scope of Surveying Services and Standard Detail Requirements adopted by the State Agriculture Development Committee.