



**HISTORIC  
NEW ENGLAND**

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## **Property Care White Paper**

### **Property Lines: Boundary Surveys**

#### **Boundary Surveys**

Boundary surveys are legal documents necessary for the management of Historic New England property. After a boundary survey is performed it should be filed with the county and state so it becomes the official record of our property bounds. Tax maps and deeds may provide certain indications of property bounds but only a boundary survey performed by a licensed Land Surveyor is an accurate and legal reflection of the property.

#### **BOUNDARY SURVEY GUIDELINES**

- Inform the surveyor of all known concerns or issues along boundary line or with abutting neighbors.
- Provide surveyor with exact information regarding tax parcels and acreage and be sure to identify all parcels to be surveyed.
- Surveyor will perform deed research of parcel and abutters as necessary.
- All corners should be marked by surveyor with a monument or pin.
- Walk the property line with the surveyor at completion of project to ensure understanding of property line and discuss any issues with surveyor.
- In rural situations with long distances between pins consider additional markings along the property line.
- Surveyor to record survey with county and state offices.
- Deliverables should be one (1) electronic copy of plan that is compatible with AutoCAD software, one (1) mylar hard copy of plan for submission to archives and two (2) paper hard copies of the plan for property care files.