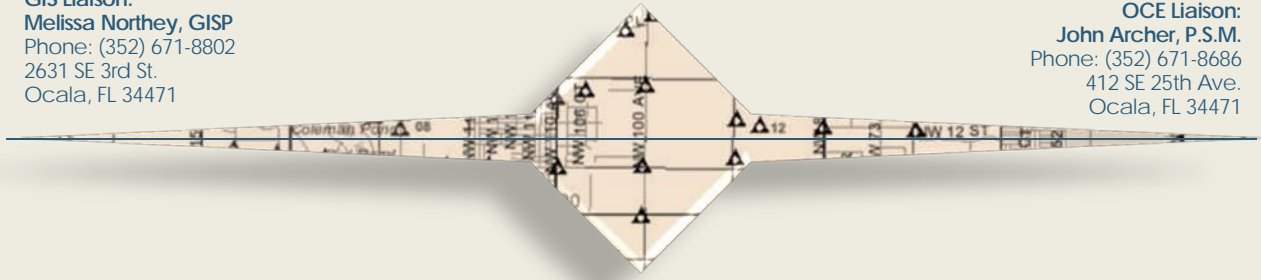


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SURVEY DATA ONLINE

Online repository offers quick access to survey data

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The Marion County Office of the County Engineer (OCE), in collaboration with the Information Technology Department, has launched a new database designed to ease operations for surveyors in Marion County.

The online survey database, accessible via the county's Web site, www.marioncountyfl.org, serves as a repository of archived survey control points in Marion County. A control point is a point that is recognized by surveying professionals to have an accurate position on the Earth's surface. Surveyors use control points to determine specific locations when studying potential and future construction sites.

"Before, staff from the county's Survey Section would look up maps and reference documents to locate these points for surveyors," said county survey technician Jim DeLaughter. "Using the database, surveyors can now get the information in just a few clicks on their computers."

To date, the database contains 1,630 control points, with an estimated 5,000 more being added in the coming months. Information available on the repository is based on surveys performed by the county's Survey Section as well as data from other local, state and federal agencies.

To access the database:

- Go to www.marioncountyfl.org.
- Click "Public Works" under the "Departments" tab.
- Click on "County Engineer" and then click the "Engineering Services" tab.
- Click on "Survey" and then on the link "Our survey control data...". This will open the County's interactive mapping Web site.
- Zoom into the area of interest. Control points are shown as triangles with the following color code: blue for horizontal, red for vertical, and black for both horizontal and vertical control points.
- Using the identify key (lower case 'i' with a circle around it) on the top of the page, click on the triangle you would like information on. The information will be displayed on the right side of the screen.

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