

## Kewaunee County Land Information Program History

The Kewaunee County Land Information Program, as we know it today, officially began in 1989. That was when the county started to use Register of Deeds recording fees to develop an organized remonumentation program. Baudhuin Incorporated, from Sturgeon Bay, had been doing "spot" remonumentation up to that point for local surveyors as they made requests. However, we had never before collected any GPS coordinates for the PLSS monuments that were set as a result of those requests.

In 1990 we started working with Ruekert & Mielke, Inc. as our GIS consulting firm. They guided us in our land records decision-making and did all of the county's GIS work for the next 6 years. In 1996 Kewaunee County had an employee in its Land & Water Conservation Department who started working part-time as the county's GIS Coordinator. This arrangement was in place for 10 years.

In 2006 Kewaunee County created a Land Information Director position and consolidated real property listing, GIS, land records, and the land information officer into one department - the Kewaunee County Land Information Office. This is still the structure that we have in place today.

Kewaunee County's first digital parcel map was started in 1992 by Ruekert & Mielke, and it was completed in 2000. We also did our first orthophoto flight in 2000 - a black and white, 1 foot resolution photo that was flown by Aero-metric for approximately \$50,000. Our parcel map maintenance was done by Ruekert & Mielke until 2006 when the land information director began doing parcel map maintenance in-house.

In 2004 and 2005 Kewaunee County completed the remonumentation of two of its townships and snapped the parcel lines to those monuments. From 2006 through 2014 we made a concerted effort to finish up the remainder of our remonumentation work. We did that in 2014. In 2015 we started snapping parcel lines to these recently acquired monument locations in our 8 remaining townships. We finished snapping parcel lines to our monuments in 2017.

Since our original orthophoto project in 2000 we have done additional orthophoto projects in 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2019. We have also done two oblique imagery flights - one in 2009 and one in 2014. In 2012 we completed the most expensive project that we have undertaken to date - our county-wide LIDAR project.

The data from all of our "biggest" projects, which are mentioned above, along with a multitude of other GIS data layers and land records information can be found on our land records portal.