

*The Land Surveyors Corner :*

*County Road Right of way .*

*The County Road right-of-way is a strip of land 33' in width on each side of the section line. The purpose of this 66' wide strip of ground is to provide the traveling public with a road system. Soil from the outer areas are used to build up a roadway and provide ditches for road drainage. The tax payer does not pay taxes on the 33' wide strip of land and does not own that portion of land used for public right-of-way. By dedication, purchase or prescriptive easement the property is owned by the governing body. Should the governing body have cause to vacate public right-of-way it has the right to sell the property, retain ownership and close the roadway or give the property back to the adjacent land owners.*

*The land owner is responsible for keeping obstructions from the road right-of-way. If fences are built on the road right-of-way and cause damages to the traveling public the landowner can be liable for damages. If a land owner has trees or brush that obstructs the sight distance at an intersection the governing body has the right to remove the obstructions that cause a safety hazard to the traveling public. Standards for line of site at intersections are a triangle that is formed by a line 150' on the section line in each direction and a diagonal line connecting the 150' tangents.*

