New Jersey N2K Hour:

Understanding Surveys for Coverage on Owner's and Loan Policies

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What is a survey?

- A survey refers to the process of locating and measuring a property's boundary lines to determine the exact amount of land that a homeowner owns.
- A survey can also locate any easements and encroachments on a property, which are usually noted on the homeowner's chain of title.



Why do we need surveys?

- The legal description for a given property may have changed over the years.
 - e.g. Deed of Consolidation, filed subdivision, portion of the property was sold off.
- Legal description from Vesting Deed may be an outdated description.
 - Descriptions from filed plats or tax maps may no longer be applicable to the property.
 - Typically, a metes and bounds legal description would be more preferable to insure, since it provides a more precise measurement of the property's boundary lines.

How do we review surveys?

- When reviewing a survey, you should note the following steps:
 - Locate the north arrow. This arrow can usually be found at the top or bottom of the survey.
 - Compare the record legal description with the metes and bounds of the property on the survey.
 - Locate any easements or encroachments, all of which should be raised in your survey reading.
 - Locate the direct or indirect access to the property.
 - Always confirm that the survey is certified to a title company.

Can we rely on an existing survey?

- To save on costs for a new or updated survey, we <u>may</u> rely on an existing survey so long as the legal description for a property has not changed since the date of the last survey.
 - Affidavit of No Change to Survey from current owner.
 - Existing survey should be signed and sealed by the surveyor.
 - Existing survey must be certified to a title company or title agent in order for us to provide coverage based on the survey.
 - Contact your Underwriter for approval.

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Types of Surveys – Boundary Survey

- Boundary survey
 - Often times will only include a legal description, the metes and bounds of the property, and a list of encroachments.
 - Surveyor has discretion as to what he/she wants to plot on the survey.
 - There are no requirements that the surveyor has to follow when issuing a boundary survey.

Types of Surveys - ALTA Survey

- Detailed survey performed by a registered licensed surveyor, prepared in accordance with the standards specified by (ALTA) and the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping (ACSM).
- Surveyor must follow the ALTA/ACSM requirements when issuing an ALTA survey.
- These requirements include plotting the boundaries of the property, the location of improvements on the subject property, including any and all structures, fences, utility lines, roads, etc., along with the location of any/all easements.

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- THE PROPERTY HAS FRONTAGE AND ACCESS TO MONMOUTH AVENUE WHICH IS A DULY 6. DEDICATED PUBLIC ROW (ACCESS MAY BE LIMITED BY STATE, COUNTY & MUNICIPAL **REGULATIONS).**
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- 11. THIS SURVEY DOES NOT PURPORT TO IDENTIFY, IF ANY, ENCROACHMENTS, WETLANDS, UTILITIES, SERVICE LINES OR STRUCTURES BELOW GROUND;
- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DOCUMENTS OF RECORD; NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO DETERMINE IF ANY PORTION OF THIS PROPERTY IS CLAIMED BY THE STATE OF N.J. AS TIDELANDS:
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Why is the legal description so important?

- Surveyors rely on a record legal description in order to plot the boundary lines of a property.
- Record v. As Surveyed Legal
 - <u>Record legal description</u> is usually taken from a Vesting Deed, recorded plat or subdivision map.
 - <u>As surveyed legal description</u> is the metes and bounds legal description which is plotted by the surveyor.
- If there are any discrepancies between the record legal and as surveyed legal, the title company may need to insure both legal descriptions in the event that the record legal is outdated or not precise enough for the public record.

Are ALTA surveys required for coverage?

- An ALTA survey is not required for standard coverage on an Owner's or Loan policy (NJ Survey Endorsement).
- However, if we're issuing extended coverage, an ALTA survey may be required by the title company or your lender.
- Additional endorsements to consider for extended coverage:
 - ALTA 9 series (Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions)
 - ALTA 25 Same as Survey (only for loan policy)
 - ALTA 28/28.1 (Easements/Encroachments)

What endorsements can be issued based on a survey?

- NJ Survey Endorsement Coverage for both Owner's and Loan policies
 - NJ Survey endorsement removes the general survey exception in Schedule B, and may include a survey reading for any encroachments located on the property.
- ALTA 17/17.1 Access and Indirect Access endorsement
- ALTA 25 Same as Survey (only available for loan policies in the State of NJ)
- ALTA 28 Easement Damage or Enforced Removal



Easement Coverage – ALTA 28 Series

- The ALTA 28 series (can only be issued on loan policies in NJ)
- ALTA 28 (Easement Damage or Enforced Removal)
 - Provides coverage for any blanket easements or plotted easements which may encroach upon the existing buildings on the property.
 - If the surveyor includes a note that an easement is blanket in nature, we can include the easement on the ALTA 28 endorsement.

Easement Coverage – ALTA 28 Series

- However, if an easement is not plottable, then further review is required before providing ALTA 28 coverage.
- An issue may arise if an easement runs underneath an existing building or encroaches upon an existing improvement.
- We must analyze the risk before issuing the endorsement for the specific easement, and the risk analysis also varies between a residential or commercial property.
- Please consult your underwriter for further assistance if such an issue should arise on your transaction.

Encroachment Coverage – ALTA 28 Series

- ALTA 28.1 (Encroachments Boundaries and Easements)
 - Provides coverage for encroachments upon any existing improvement on the property.
 - Coverage under the ALTA 28.1 is much broader than the ALTA 28 – need to carefully analyze risk associated with encroachments on any existing improvements based on the survey.

Encroachment Coverage (cont.)

- ALTA 28.2 (Encroachments Described Improvements)
 - This endorsement is slightly different than the ALTA 28.1, as the coverage is more narrow in scope.
 - The ALTA 28.1 covers "any" improvements, but the improvements need to be specifically itemized in the ALTA 28.2 endorsement.
 - Some examples of itemized improvements can include a fence, shed, garage, patio, or canopy.
 - We can only issue either the ALTA 28.1 or ALTA 28.2 on a loan policy, not both.

Easements, Surveys, and Affirmative Coverage

- A survey is a great tool to learn a great deal about an easement.
- A survey (which shows the easement) is almost always necessary when contemplating affirmative insurance language.
 - Usually refer to encroachment or the use of the land.
- A review of both survey and the easement are necessary to determine what, if any, affirmative coverage can be provided.
- As always, you must contact your Underwriter before including any affirmative language for easements.

Other Endorsements to Consider

- ALTA 17 (Direct Access) and ALTA 17.1 (Indirect Access)
 - Does our property abut a public road or have direct access to the public road?
 - If there is no direct access, is there an easement which benefits our property for access to a public road (indirect access)?
- ALTA 19 series (Contiguity)
 - The survey must disclose that the parcel (ALTA 19.1) or parcels (ALTA 19.2) are contiguous in order for us to provide coverage.

Other Endorsements to Consider (cont.)

- ALTA 22 (Location) and ALTA 22.1 (Location and Map)
 - Title companies do not insure property addresses. The surveyor is relied upon to provide an accurate street address for the property.
 - However, we can issue the Location endorsement if there is an existing building and street address disclosed on a survey.
 - The Location endorsement should not be issued for vacant land or land under development, since the improvements on the property may be subject to change after the date of policy.

Lender's Survey "Without Survey" Endorsement

- In NJ, we can issue this endorsement for loan policies only.
- Can be issued for both commercial and residential properties.
- Coverage is the same as that provided in the NJ Survey endorsement, in the event that there is no existing survey for the property.
- Other factors to consider when issuing the endorsement.
 - e.g. Search of the property on Google Earth; confirmation that there are no significant issues with the property as far as encumbrances on title.

Survey (Without Survey) for Condominiums and Co-Ops

- Can be issued for both Owner's and Loan policies.
 - Issued for only residential condominiums or cooperatives.
 - Coverage does not extend to common elements or noncontiguous limited common elements appurtenant to the unit.

Wrap-Up and Review

- Surveys can help identify significant issues with the property (encroachments, easements, access and entry).
- Surveys are typically required for extended coverage on policies.
- Know the difference between a boundary survey and ALTA survey not all surveys are created equal.
- Always review the record and as surveyed legal description and make sure they conform with one another.

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