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ADVANCEMENTS IN ACCESSIBILITY

Managing our country's official public records for property includes a dedication to making sure the records are accessible to the public.

One purpose of the official public land records is to facilitate the research necessary to determine clear property title (or lack thereof). Two decades ago most searching was possible only by visiting the county recorder's office and searching through the large, leather-bound index books - interpreting entries made with typewriters or, worse, cursive handwriting - to determine which documents needed to be examined. Then documents could be viewed by locating them on microfilm or microfiche or large books.

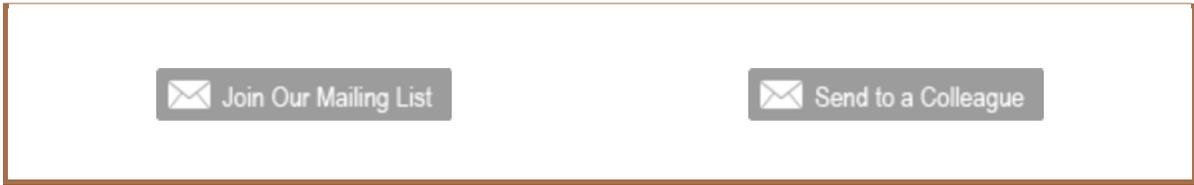
Today, accessibility to the official public land records has changed significantly. You can still visit the recorder's office, but now you'll have access to research terminals that facilitate the easy identification of documents relevant to your search based on a wide range of search criteria. Once identified, individual documents can then be viewed and printed with just the click of a button.

Combine this substantial improvement with the fact that the same level of access is often available over the Internet and the result is clear: the official public land records are now available to anyone in more ways than ever before, with far more options to quickly define your search and view the document(s) needed -- all within minutes.

This radical improvement increases the value of the official public land records by making them accessible and facilitating the research component of a real estate transaction.

Access the [PRIAwareness Tools](#) available for Recorders and their business partners wishing to educate the public on the significant role of the Recorder's Office.

Promote our new national website, [MyCountyRecorder.org](#), that explains to the public the history, advancements and responsibilities of the Recorder's Office.



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