

# County of Berks - Parcels

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### *Identification\_Information:*

#### *Citation:*

##### *Citation\_Information:*

*Originator:* Corrected, updated, and currently maintained by the Berks County, PA Tax Map Office

*Publication\_Date:* Changes weekly - see attribute named DATADATE

*Title:*

County of Berks - Parcels

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* vector digital data

*Online\_Linkage:* </Dept/Mapping/Pages/default.aspx>

*Larger\_Work\_Citation:*

##### *Citation\_Information:*

*Originator:* Originally created by L. Robert Kimball & Assoc., Ebensburg PA, under contract with Berks County

*Publication\_Date:* 1993

*Title:*

Berks County Tax Maps

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* vector digital data

### *Description:*

#### *Abstract:*

Berks County, Pennsylvania cadastral map, or commonly referred to as tax map or property map.

#### *Purpose:*

Intended to be used as a visual inventory of individual land ownership in Berks County, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of property tax assessment.

### *Time\_Period\_of\_Content:*

#### *Time\_Period\_Information:*

##### *Single\_Date/Time:*

*Calendar\_Date:* current year

#### *Currentness\_Reference:*

updated weekly according to deeded parcel changes

### *Status:*

*Progress:* Complete

*Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency:* Weekly

*Spatial\_Domain:*

*Bounding\_Coordinates:*

*West\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -76.446124

*East\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* -75.522628

*North\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 40.683910

*South\_Bounding\_Coordinate:* 40.130920

*Keywords:*

*Theme:*

*Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus:* REQUIRED: Reference to a formally registered thesaurus or a similar authoritative source of theme keywords.

*Theme\_Keyword:* tax map

*Theme\_Keyword:* parcel map

*Theme\_Keyword:* cadastral map

*Place:*

*Place\_Keyword:* Berks County

*Place\_Keyword:* Pennsylvania

*Place\_Keyword:* USA

*Temporal:*

*Temporal\_Keyword:* current

*Access\_Constraints:* subject to the terms of the Berks County GIS Data General Agreement and Terms  
<http://www.co.berks.pa.us/berks/lib/berks/departments/Mapping/GISPolicy/GIS-DataTerms.pdf>

*Use\_Constraints:*

subject to the terms of the Berks County GIS Data Gemera; Agreement and Terms

<http://www.co.berks.pa.us/berks/lib/berks/departments/Mapping/GISPolicy/GIS-DataTerms.pdf>

*Point\_of\_Contact:*

*Contact\_Information:*

*Contact\_Organization\_Primary:*

*Contact\_Organization:* Berks County, Pennsylvania Tax Map Office

*Contact\_Address:*

*Address\_Type:* mailing and physical address

*Address:*

633 Court Street 3rd Floor

*City:* Reading

*State\_or\_Province:* PA

*Postal\_Code:* 19601

*Country:* USA

*Contact\_Voice\_Telephone:* 610-478-3360

*Contact\_Facsimile\_Telephone:* 610-478-6261

*Contact\_Electronic\_Mail\_Address:* [mapping@countyofberks.com](mailto:mapping@countyofberks.com)

*Hours\_of\_Service:* 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays

*Data\_Set\_Credit:*

Berks County Tax Map Office

*Security\_Information:*

*Security\_Classification:* Unclassified

*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:*

Microsoft Windows XP Version 5.1 (Build 2600) Service Pack 3; ESRI ArcCatalog 9.3.1.1850

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*Data\_Quality\_Information:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy:*

*Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:*

Tax parcel data is created from deeds, plans and tax assessment records and the information within is as good as the sources that were recorded and from which it has been created. The source data can have errors, omissions, discrepancies and contradictions. Because of these issues, no claim is made regarding attribute accuracy.

*Logical\_Consistency\_Report:*

Processed with ArcInfo Workstation commands "clean" and "labelerrors" during edits for topological accuracy.

*Completeness\_Report:*

Tax parcel data is complete as of attributed 'DATADATE' and is continually being updated based on recorded information.

*Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

The tax maps were originally plotted at scale on stable mylar rectified orthophotos. The general horizontal alignment of physical features such as roads and streams should be of decent quality. Regarding the horizontal accuracy of boundary lines, tax maps are only as good as the deeds and plans from which they are created. Plotting adjoining deeds requires adjustments where necessary in order to enable all pieces to fit properly. There are gaps, overlaps, misclosures, and other errors that are edited out of the tax map, various methods are used to resolve issues that arise in order to create the best case scenario. Because of these issues, no claim is made regarding attribute accuracy.

*Vertical\_Positional\_Accuracy:*

*Vertical\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:*

No vertical information

*Lineage:*

*Source\_Information:*

*Source\_Scale\_Denominator:* no less than 600, no more than 4800

*Type\_of\_Source\_Media:* rectified orthophotos on stable mylar

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*Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information:*

*Indirect\_Spatial\_Reference\_Method:*

Berks County, Pennsylvania, USA

*Direct\_Spatial\_Reference\_Method:* Vector

*Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Information:*

*SDTS\_Terms\_Description:*

*SDTS\_Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Type:* G-polygon

*Point\_and\_Vector\_Object\_Count:* 160595

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*Spatial\_Reference\_Information:*

*Horizontal\_Coordinate\_System\_Definition:*

*Planar:*

*Grid\_Coordinate\_System:*

*Grid\_Coordinate\_System\_Name:* State Plane Coordinate System 1927

*State\_Plane\_Coordinate\_System:*

*SPCS\_Zone\_Identifier:* 3702

*Lambert\_Conformal\_Conic:*

*Standard\_Parallel:* 39.933333

*Standard\_Parallel:* 40.966667

*Longitude\_of\_Central\_Meridian:* -77.750000

*Latitude\_of\_Projection\_Origin:* 39.333333

*False\_Easting:* 2000000.000000

*False\_Northing:* 0.000000

*Planar\_Coordinate\_Information:*

*Planar\_Coordinate\_Encoding\_Method:* coordinate pair

*Coordinate\_Representation:*

*Abscissa\_Resolution:* 0.000000

*Ordinate\_Resolution:* 0.000000

*Planar\_Distance\_Units:* survey feet

*Geodetic\_Model:*

*Horizontal\_Datum\_Name:* North American Datum of 1927

*Ellipsoid\_Name:* Clarke 1866

*Semi-major\_Axis:* 6378206.400000

*Denominator\_of\_Flattening\_Ratio:* 294.978698

*Vertical\_Coordinate\_System\_Definition:*

*Altitude\_System\_Definition:*

*Altitude\_Datum\_Name:* National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929

*Altitude\_Distance\_Units:* feet

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*Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Information:*

*Detailed\_Description:*

*Entity\_Type:*

*Entity\_Type\_Label:* County of Berks - Parcels

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* FID

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Internal feature number.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:*

ESRI

*Attribute\_Domain\_Values:*

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*Unrepresentable\_Domain:*

Sequential unique whole numbers that are automatically generated.

*Attribute\_Value\_Accuracy\_Information:*

*Attribute\_Value\_Accuracy\_Explanation:*

ask ESRI

*Attribute\_Measurement\_Frequency:*

Unknown

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* Shape

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Feature geometry.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:*

ESRI

*Attribute\_Domain\_Values:*

*Unrepresentable\_Domain:*

Coordinates defining the features.

*Attribute\_Value\_Accuracy\_Information:*

*Attribute\_Value\_Accuracy\_Explanation:*

ask ESRI

*Attribute\_Measurement\_Frequency:*

Unknown

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* AREA

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Polygon area in square feet

*Attribute\_Value\_Accuracy\_Information:*

*Attribute\_Value\_Accuracy\_Explanation:*

calculated by software based upon the shape of the polygon

*Attribute\_Measurement\_Frequency:*

As needed

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* PERIMETER

*Attribute\_Definition:*

polygon perimeter in linear feet

*Attribute\_Value\_Accuracy\_Information:*

*Attribute\_Value\_Accuracy\_Explanation:*

calculated by software based upon the shape of the polygon

*Attribute\_Measurement\_Frequency:*

As needed

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* BERKSCO\_

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Internal record number 'coveragename'# from the predistribution working coverage

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* BERKSCO\_ID

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Internal polygon user id number from predistribution working coverage

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* PIN

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Acronym for PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER. Calculated by software from digits within the x and y (east and north) coordinates of the label point at the centroid of the parent polygon of the parcel.

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* LABELPT

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Label point assigned to each parcel

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* ACREAGE

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Acreage of the parcel, calculated from the sum of the area of all of the polygons included in the parcel.

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* PROPID

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Property ID. Unique, key field for each record in the assessment administration data file. Made from a prefix representing the assessment district, the PIN at the time of creation, and sometimes a suffix.

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* AALTC

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Internal number to the assessment process.

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* SCHOOL

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Number representing the school district

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* ACCOUNT

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Assessment account number, often identical to the label point.

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* NAME1

*Attribute\_Definition:*

First ownership name field.

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* NAME2

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Second ownership name field.

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* MAILING

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Street number and name of the Mailing address

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* MAILING2

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Town or City of the mailing address

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* MAILING3

*Attribute\_Definition:*

State of the Mailing Address

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* MAILING4

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Five digit ZIP code of mailing address

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* MAILING5

*Attribute\_Definition:*

ZIP +4 of mailing address

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* NAME3

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Third property ownership field

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* SUB3

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Subdivision Plan lot number

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* SUB4

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Subdivision plan second lot number in range

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* SUB1

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Subdivision plan book number

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* SUB2

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Subdivision plan page number

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* DESCR1

*Attribute\_Definition:*

First lot description field

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* DESCR2

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Second lot description field

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* DESCR3

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Third lot description field

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* DESCR4

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Fourth lot description field

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* CLNGREEN

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Year that the lot was entered into PA Act 319, "Clean & Green" program for preferential tax assessment. Properties not in the program have a blank field

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* DEEDBOOK

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Deed Book Number

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* DEEDPAGE

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Deed page number

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* DEED\_DATE

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Recording date of the deed

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* DEEDAMOUNT

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Actual consideration paid for arm's length conveyances

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* LOCATION1

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Situs address house number

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* LOCATION2

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Situs address house number suffix

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* LOCATION3

*Attribute\_Definition:*



Situs address street direction (N, S, E, W)

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* LOCATION4

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Situs address street name

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* MUNI

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Assessment District

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* CLASS

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Assessed Classification category

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* DEEDSX1

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Additional deed book and page reference

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* DEEDSX2

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Additional deed book and page reference

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* VALULNDMKT

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Market Value of Land

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* VALULAND

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Assessed value of land

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* VALUBLDG

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Assessed value of buildings

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* VALUTOTAL

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Total assessed valuation of the property

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* LANDUSE

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Alpha use code used by the assessors

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:*

Berks County Property Assessment Office

*Attribute:*

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*Attribute\_Label:* HOMESTEAD

*Attribute\_Definition:*

Homestead Status

*Attribute:*

*Attribute\_Label:* DATADATE

*Attribute\_Definition:*

The date that the distribution shape file was created by software program from the pre-distribution ArcInfo coverages.

*Attribute\_Definition\_Source:*

Berks County Map Office

*Overview\_Description:*

*Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Overview:*

The attributes PIN, LABELPT, and ACREAGE are created and maintained in the GIS. All other attributes (except those created automatically by ESRI software) are created and maintained within, and extracted from the official Berks County Assessment Administration database.

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*Distribution\_Information:*

*Distributor:*

*Contact\_Information:*

*Contact\_Organization\_Primary:*

*Contact\_Organization:* Berks County Map Office

*Contact\_Address:*

*Address\_Type:* mailing and physical address

*Address:*

633 Court Street

*City:* Reading

*State\_or\_Province:* PA

*Postal\_Code:* 19601

*Country:* USA

*Contact\_Voice\_Telephone:* 610-478-3360

*Contact\_Facsimile\_Telephone:* 610-478-6261

*Contact\_Electronic\_Mail\_Address:* mapping@countyofberks.com

*Hours\_of\_Service:* 8 am to 5 pm weekdays

*Resource\_Description:* Berks County tax parcel GIS data files in zipped ESRI shape format

*Distribution\_Liability:*

subject to the Berks County GIS Data General Agreement and Terms

<http://www.co.berks.pa.us/berks/lib/berks/departments/Mapping/GISPolicy/GIS-DataTerms.pdf>

*Standard\_Order\_Process:*

*Digital\_Form:*

*Digital\_Transfer\_Information:*

*Transfer\_Size:* 166.487

*Digital\_Transfer\_Option:*

*Offline\_Option:*

*Offline\_Media:* CD-ROM

*Fees:* Subject to the Berks County GIS Data Fee Structure - \$100.00 for a tax parcel data disk.

*Ordering\_Instructions:*

subject to the terms of the Berks County Commissioners Resolution 17-10

<http://www.co.berks.pa.us/berks/lib/berks/departments/Mapping/GISPolicy/GIS-CommissionersResolution.pdf>

subject to the terms of the Berks County GIS Data General Agreement and terms

<http://www.co.berks.pa.us/berks/lib/berks/departments/Mapping/GISPolicy/GIS-DataTerms.pdf>

subject to the terms of the Berks County GIS Data Fee Structure

<http://www.co.berks.pa.us/berks/lib/berks/departments/Mapping/GISPolicy/GIS-Fees.pdf>

The license agreement must be agreed to, signed, and returned, before the data is released.

*Turnaround:* ?

*Custom\_Order\_Process:*

Custom Orders not available.

*Technical\_Prerequisites:*

The user must supply software capable of opening and using the ESRI shape format. The user must have the expertise to use said software.

*Available\_Time\_Period:*

*Time\_Period\_Information:*

*Single\_Date/Time:*

*Calendar\_Date:* unknown

*Time of Day:* unknown

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*Metadata\_Reference\_Information:*

*Metadata\_Date:* 20100201

*Metadata\_Contact:*

*Contact\_Information:*

*Contact\_Organization\_Primary:*

*Contact\_Organization:* Berks County, Pennsylvania, Tax Map Office

*Contact\_Person:* REQUIRED: The person responsible for the metadata information.

*Contact\_Address:*

*Address\_Type:* mailing and physical address

*Address:*

633 Court Street

*City:* Reading

*State\_or\_Province:* PA

*Postal\_Code:* 19601

*Country:* USA

*Contact\_Voice\_Telephone:* 610-478-3360

*Contact\_Facsimile\_Telephone:* 610\*478-6261

*Contact\_Electronic\_Mail\_Address:* [mapping@countyofberks.com](mailto:mapping@countyofberks.com)

*Hours\_of\_Service:* 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern Time

*Metadata\_Standard\_Name:* FGDC Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata

*Metadata\_Standard\_Version:* FGDC-STD-001-1998

*Metadata\_Time\_Convention:* local time

*Metadata\_Access\_Constraints:* none

*Metadata\_Use\_Constraints:*

none

*Metadata\_Extensions:*

*Online\_Linkage:* <http://www.esri.com/metadata/esriprof80.html>

*Profile\_Name:* ESRI Metadata Profile

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