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New York Center of Population

Using U.S. Census Bureau data from the 2000 Census, the National Geodetic Survey has computed the center of population for every state in the nation - that is the point where an imaginary, flat, weightless and rigid map of the state would balance if all of its residents were of identical weight. According to the 2000 Census, the population of New York is 18,976,457 and the entire United States population is 281,421,906. Using this data, the Delaware-Hudson Land Surveyors Association, an affiliate regional of The New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors (NYSAPLS) in cooperation with the National Geodetic Survey, NYSAPLS, and Orange County has set, for the first time, a commemorative geodetic brass control disk marking an offset to the population center of the State of New York. Global Positioning (GPS) observations will be utilized to determine within one centimeter the center of the 10 inch diameter disk. The actual computed location of the population center lies about four miles to the northwest of this monument, at 41 degrees 30 minutes 27seconds north latitude and 74 degrees 38minutes 43 seconds west longitude. The monument is located in Cuddebackville, New York on Route 209 at the Delaware & Hudson Canal Park in Orange County in the interest of public accessibility. The center of population is symbolic, but it measures real growth and development in our state, and it provides a meaningful illustration of the importance of the work of land surveyors, geodesists, and geographers, and the ability to adapt cooperative initiatives between the private sector, federal, state, and local surveying and mapping professionals. A public dedication ceremony will be held October 19th at 11:00 A.M. at this center of population monument at which several local and state officials will be invited to attend and participate, along with the media and other interested parties. There will also be a demonstration and exhibits of surveying equipment and global positioning systems (GPS equipment). According to the Census Bureau, historically the Center of Population for the United States has followed a trail that reflects immigration and migration. Since 1790, the location has moved westerly, then a more southerly pattern. The new center of population at Edgar Springs, Missouri is more than 1,000 miles from the first center in 1790, which was located near Chestertown, Maryland.

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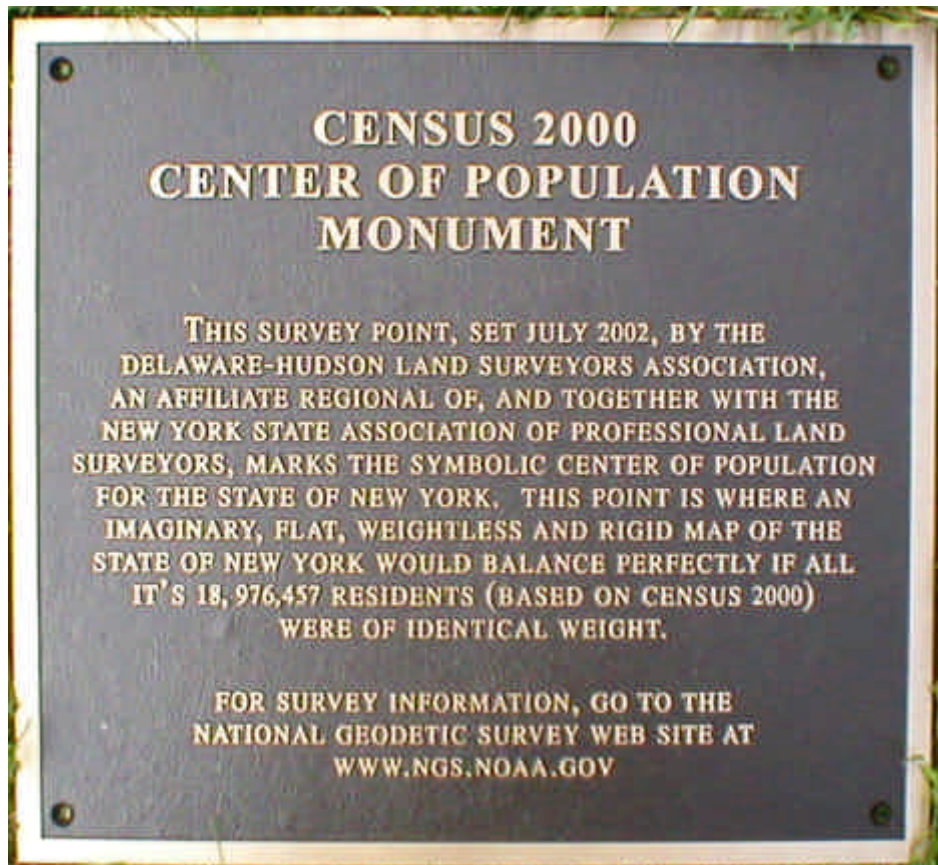
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Photographs

10" Brass disk set for the monument



Bronze plaque describing the monument.



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