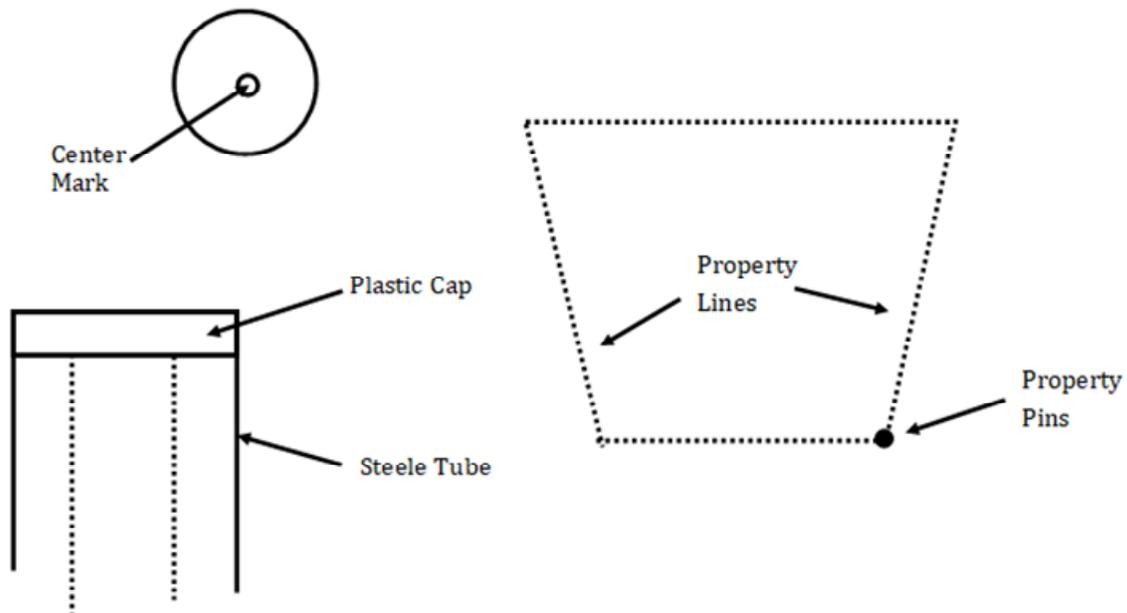


## PROPERTY PIN INFORMATION

Property Pins are placed by a certified land surveyor to accurately indicate the corners of property. In older sections of Ottumwa or in Wapello County, a property pin may be a piece of re-rod or steel tubing located near or below the ground or a post monument at the corner of a section. For some properties in the Original cities of Wapello County, property pins may not exist. In newer additions to the Cities, a property pin is steel tubing approximately one inch in diameter having a yellow or white plastic cap attached. The cap is usually embossed with information which identifies the item as a property pin. Once Property Pins are located, a string line between each pin will identify the property lines.



Several methods can be used to locate property pins. A metal detector or dip needle can be used. Obtaining a copy of your property abstract or plat from the County Auditor or GIS office, will provide dimensions to approximate the pins location for a search. A shovel or other type of item to use as a prod will help in the search. Before trying to locate the pin by digging or prodding, have all utilities located using Iowa One Call (1-800-292-8989).

If property pins cannot be located or do not exist, a survey of your property may be advisable. Several land surveyors are available in the area. These individuals can accurately locate the property lines and set property pins.

Wapello County does not locate or establish property lines. If you have any additional questions please call the GIS Department at 641-683-0017.