

DEFINITIONS:

- Feature(s):** Anything that describes the lands topography. These typically include natural formations such as mountains, rivers, lakes and valleys as well as manmade features such as roads, airstrips, dams and cities.
- Improvement(s):** Any permanent structure or works on the land that was not present in its natural state
- Metes & Bounds:** A metes & bounds description is a way of describing land by listing the compass directions and distances of the boundaries. Start a metes & bounds description from a UTM or Latitude/Longitude coordinate, then use the [Mapping Tool](#) to determine the compass bearing of each angle. (NOTE: mapping tool must be printed on a clear plastic sheet so you can see your map underneath it). Put the centre point of the mapping tool onto your Point of Commencement with the North on the tool matching the North on your map. Follow the angle of your polygon under the mapping tool toward the corresponding degree noted on the Mapping Tool. Move the Mapping Tool centre point to each new vertice – always keeping the North on the tool the same as the North on your map. Note each vertice as per the example:
- Point of Commencement: 438260E 5452087N
Then go 60m at 90 degrees
Then go 40m at 0 degrees
Then go 60m at 270 degrees
Then go 40m at 180 degrees
- Surveys:** There is no requirement to have a parcel of land legally surveyed before applying. Some program areas may require a survey later in the process, but never at the application stage.