Using ArcGIS to Design Wetland Restorations By Scott Ralston, USEV/S Macanet Arc

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How many still use this?











Calculation of Cut/Fill Volumes

- Complex terrain hard to accurately calculate based on station readings
- Poor volume estimates impact cost over or under estimating bid volumes
- Using digital 3D Terrain in GIS can get accurate volumes
- Fast, easy construction staking using GPS
- Potential to export to GPS guided grading in construction equipment for finish work

Need digital elevation data to make a 3dimentional model of the landscape in GIS

- Garbage in/Garbage out. Better quality survey data will result in more accurate calculations
- Use survey grade GPS in hand pole method or continuous topo mode on ATV
- Using laser level, tie shots to a GPS point
 - Use a Geoditic Benchmark to tie to MSL elevation
 - Or integrate with LIDAR using a common point like center of a road intersection to get MSL

Using LIDAR Elevation at a road intersection to tie to laser level surveys

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Use LIDAR Elevations

- Download LIDAR for your state/county etc.
- Most LIDAR is accurate within 6 inches or less for hard surfaces like crop ground, upland grasslands, particularly good on roads.
- Does not penetrate water or heavy thick vegetation like trees or cattail
- Can easily develop hybrid maps using LIDAR for upland areas and fill in low wet areas with survey data.





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