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Just to clarify – we have been specifically told on several occasions that if we are excavating for property corners as part of our mapping projects (which is generally the case) then we should be calling in dig locate tickets.

In 2018 the then head of 811 (Larry Janes) attended our state surveying convention and spoke to 200+ surveyors to specifically address the interface between surveyors and the 811 system. His direction to the surveyors in South Dakota was that if we were digging/excavating for property corners that we should be calling in dig locates.

We are transparent in our requests that we are doing both – “excavating for property corners and mapping for design”.

Even if you see sites that appear to have property corners marked – most of our sites have active construction in or near the areas in question which means that property corners can be disturbed or removed and some may not have been found and verified.

KTM is a particularly prolific firm in our community and you undoubtedly see a large volume of requests that are associated with our projects and which may at times create challenges for locators to respond within the prescribed time-frames.

The attached photos demonstrate that having UG lines marked protects not only our surveyors but utility lines as well.

We appreciate all that you do to provide those markings in a timely fashion.

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